

# Computational Analysis in Support of the CRM Tail Cone Thruster Configuration Wind Tunnel Test\*

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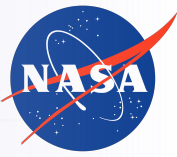
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# INTRODUCTION



# Motivation

- One of the objectives of NASA's Advanced Air Transport Technology (AATT) project is to explore and design key enabling technologies for subsonic fixed wing aircraft with **dramatically reduced fuel burn**
  - **Boundary layer ingesting (BLI) propulsion systems** are one of the technologies currently being considered
  - Different propulsion-airframe integration (PAI) strategies result in **two types of BLI**

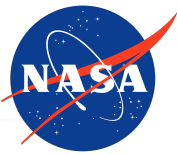


Double bubble D8. Credit: NASA



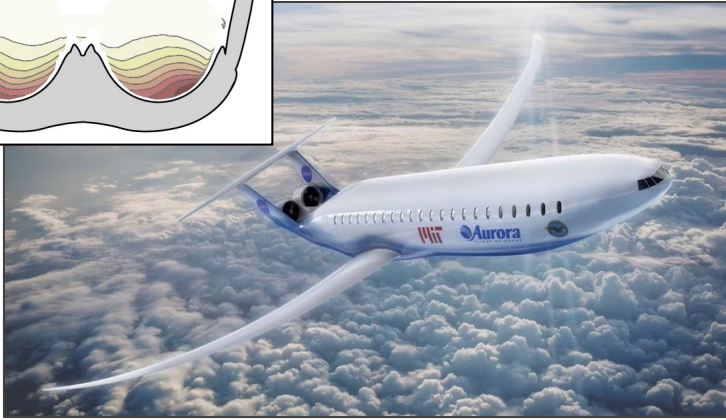
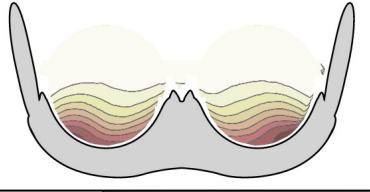
STARC-ABL propulsion system. Credit: NASA





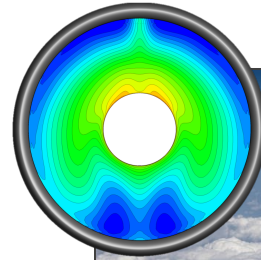
# Motivation

Courtesy of Shishir Pandya (NASA)



Double bubble D8. Credit: NASA

- Inlet distortion signature containing a **lower total pressure region with large variation in swirl over the bottom half of the engine inlet**
- Top half of engine inlet ingests mainly freestream air with little to no distortion



STARC-ABL propulsion system. Credit: NASA

- Engine installed at closeout of the fuselage
- Inlet distortion signature characterized by **lower total pressure region near the hub**, with clusters of low total pressure and high-swirl flow resulting from the combined effect of **vertical tail wake, wing downwash and fuselage upsweep**



# System Level Benefits of BLI Propulsion

- At a system level, the benefits of BLI are two-fold
  - **Increased propulsive efficiency**, resulting from the lower jet dissipation losses that stem from lower engine inlet and jet exhaust velocities, due to ingestion of low-speed boundary layer flow
  - **Lower weight and drag**, resulting from the level of propulsion-airframe integration (PAI) offered by BLI, with potential to benefit noise shielding
  - Hardin et al. <sup>[1]</sup> report a **3-5% reduced fuel burn** using BLI
  - Hall et al. <sup>[2]</sup> use control volume analyses to present a breakdown of the dissipation mechanisms that the power added by the propulsor balances, and report a 9% lower mechanical power required by an engine using BLI on the D8 aircraft concept
- Validation of CFD tools to allow high-fidelity simulations of concepts employing BLI will be key in refining these low-order estimates

<sup>[1]</sup> [doi.org/10.2514/6.2012-3993](https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2012-3993)

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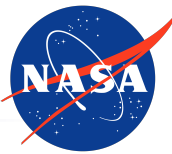
# Objectives

## Part I

- Generate **CFD database** in preparation for the upcoming Common Research Model Tail Cone Thruster (**CRM-TCT**) test in the National Transonic Facility (NTF) at NASA LaRC using the LAVA solver framework
- Identify key flow features contributing to flow distortion upstream of the BLI fan
- Document flow distortion sensitivities to aircraft operating conditions and wind tunnel hardware

## Part II

- Support integration of an inlet guide vane (IGV) system capable of mitigating the flow distortion at the engine inlet, in collaboration with  
7 TURBO team at NASA GRC



# Objectives

This work **does not** mean to accomplish:

- An assessment of the benefits/compromises of an aircraft employing BLI, compared to a traditional underwing engine configuration
- An indication of the BLI benefit in terms of a reduction in fuel burn
  - 👉 These will come in at a later stage in the context of high-fidelity CFD

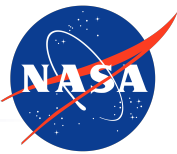
Instead, we want to **answer**:

- Can our current computational tools accurately predict the physical features of flows with BLI technology?
- What flow features is our CFD doing a good job at capturing, and which ones can it improve upon?



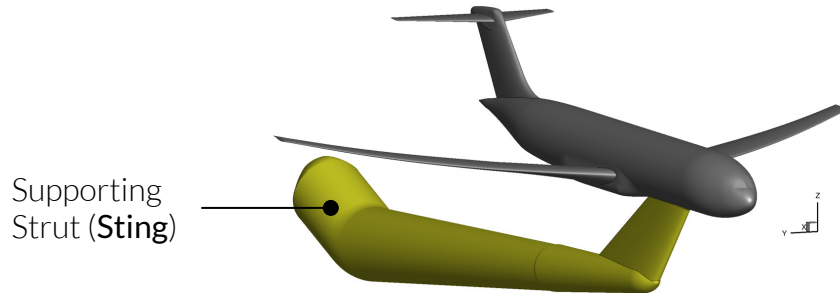
# Background on NTF CRM-TCT Wind Tunnel Test

- 2.7% scale CRM has been retrofitted with a tail cone thruster (CRM-TCT) and will be tested in the NTF in 2022
  - Test will identify sensitivity of **key flow distortion metrics** at the engine inlet to angle of attack, Mach and Reynolds numbers, and engine operating power level
  - Serve as a database for **benchmarking CFD solvers**
  - First step in a series of test campaigns towards understanding and overcoming the challenges associated with installing a BLI fan subject to flow distortion

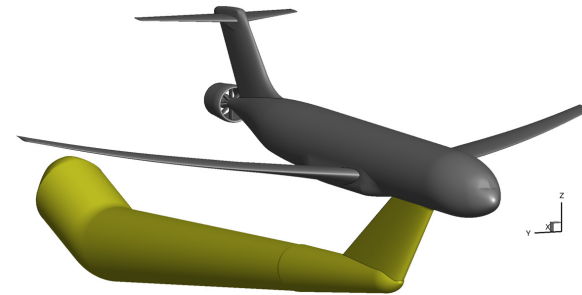


# CRM-TCT Wind Tunnel Test Articles

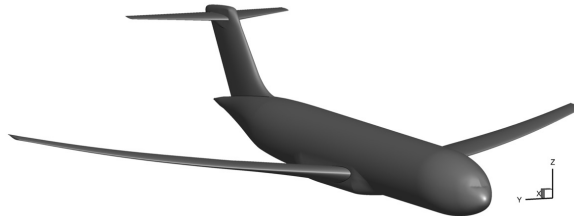
- Four distinct configurations were designed\*



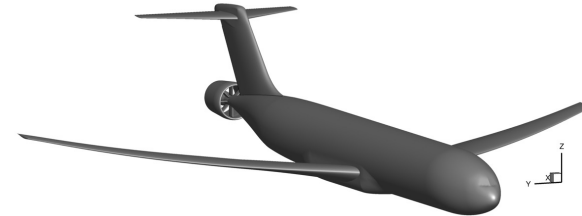
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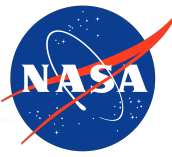
TCT, sting configuration (TCT-S)



Clean, no sting configuration (Clean-NS)

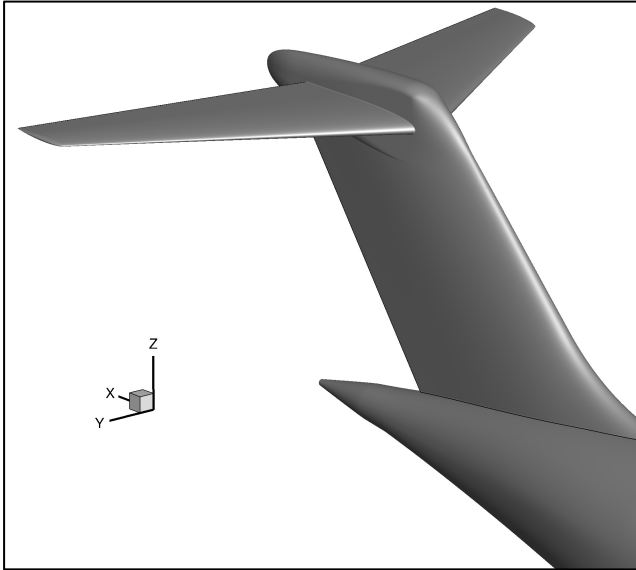


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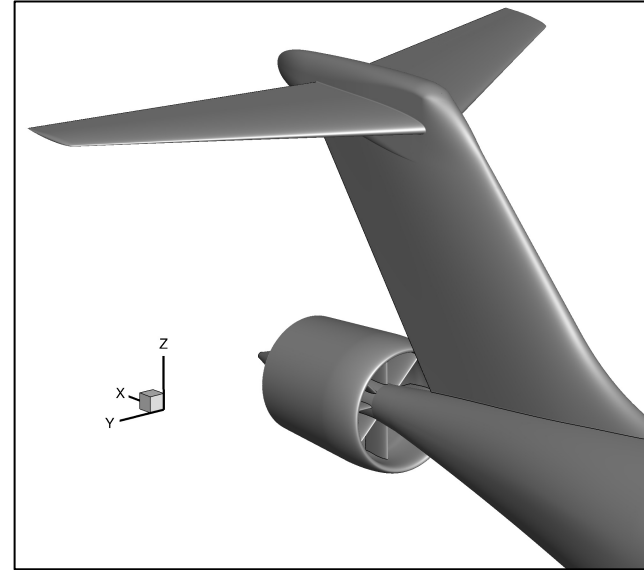


# CRM-TCT Wind Tunnel Test Articles

- Differences in aft-body between **clean** and **TCT** configuration



Clean configuration aft-body.

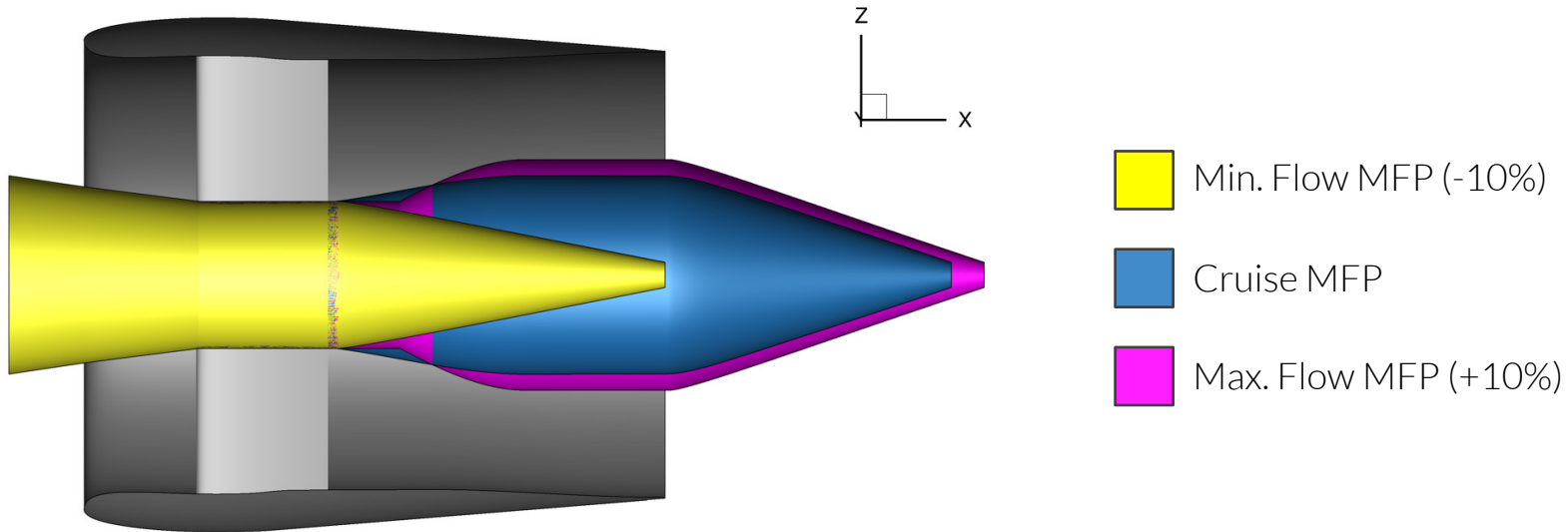


TCT configuration aft-body.



# CRM-TCT Wind Tunnel Test Articles

- Three unique mass flow plugs (MFP) will test the sensitivity of flow distortion parameters to the **engine operating power level**



Mass flow plugs profile comparison





# CRM-TCT Wind Tunnel Test Matrix

- Test matrix composed of 240 cases in total

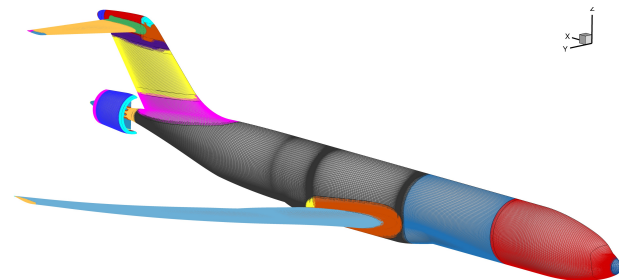
Reynolds Number	Mach Number	Angle of Attack (deg)	Mass Flow Plug	Configuration
5M, 10M, 20M	0.75, 0.80, 0.85	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4	-	Clean-NS
5M, 10M, 20M	0.75, 0.80, 0.85	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4	Cruise	TCT-NS
5M, 10M, 20M	0.75, 0.80, 0.85	-2, 0, 2, 4	-10%	TCT-NS
5M, 10M, 20M	0.75, 0.80, 0.85	-2, 0, 2, 4	+10%	TCT-NS
10M	0.75, 0.80, 0.85	-2, 0, 2, 4	Cruise	Clean-S
10M	0.75, 0.80, 0.85	-2, 0, 2, 4	Cruise	TCT-S

NS – No Sting  
S – Sting

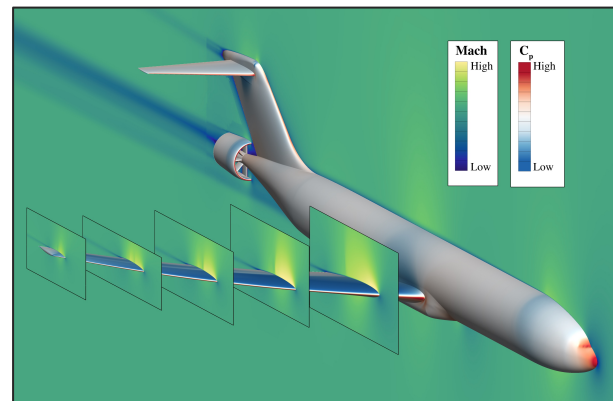


# LAVA CFD Solver Framework

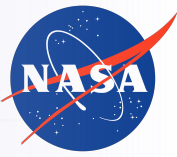
- All 240 cases were simulated using the Launch, Ascent, and Vehicle Aerodynamics (LAVA) solver framework
- A finite difference formulation is applied to the compressible curvilinear RANS equations in strong conservation law form and solved using a set of structured curvilinear overset grid systems
- Spalart-Allmaras (SA) turbulence model with Rotation/Curvature corrections and Quadratic Constitutive Relation for the stress tensor is used (SA RC-QCR2000)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order convective flux discretization, consisting of a modified Roe scheme with third order left/right state reconstruction and a Koren limiter



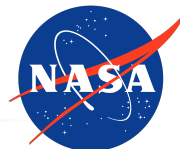
Overset surface grids over the CRM-TCT



Flow visualization showing Mach and  $C_p$  contours

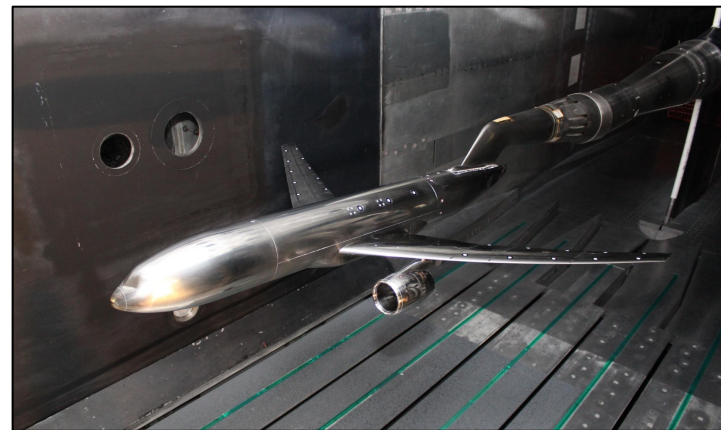


# **VALIDATION STUDY (DPW-VI)**



# Drag Prediction Workshop (DPW) VI Validation Study

- Two cases from DPW-VI were selected for validation of the LAVA overset curvilinear solver in the present work, for two reasons
  - CRM-TCT model is based on the CRM model used in DPW-VI
  - Large array of experimental data collected in different wind tunnels is available
- Two configurations of the CRM were considered
  - Wing + Body (WB)
  - Wing + Body + Nacelle + Pylon (WBNP)
- DPW-VI [case 2](#) and [case 3](#)





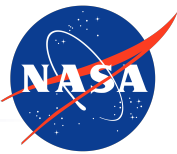
# DPW-VI Validation Study

**Case 2** – Compute the drag increment between the **WB** and **WBNP** configurations at a fixed  $C_L$  of 0.5

- Mach = 0.85,  $Re_c = 5M$
- Family of 6 parametrically equivalent grids constructed for **grid refinement study**
- Broyden solver in LAVA used to target  $C_L$  of 0.5 using the angle-of-attack as output
- Spalart-Allmaras (SA) turbulence model enhanced with RC-QCR2000 corrections

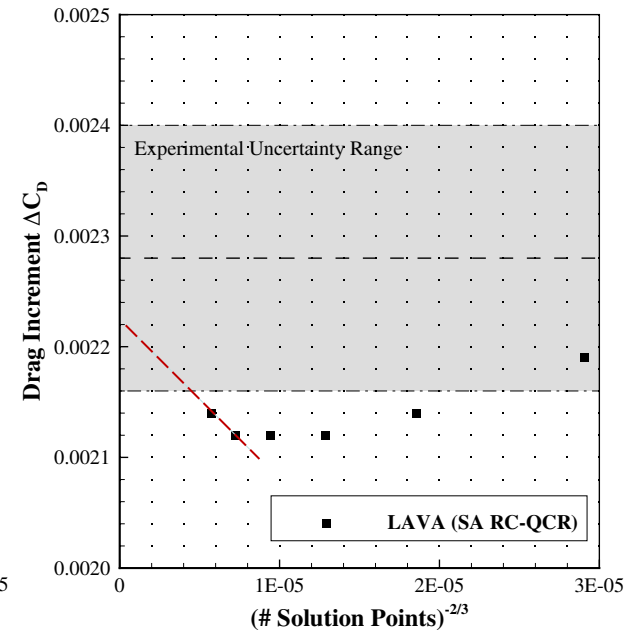
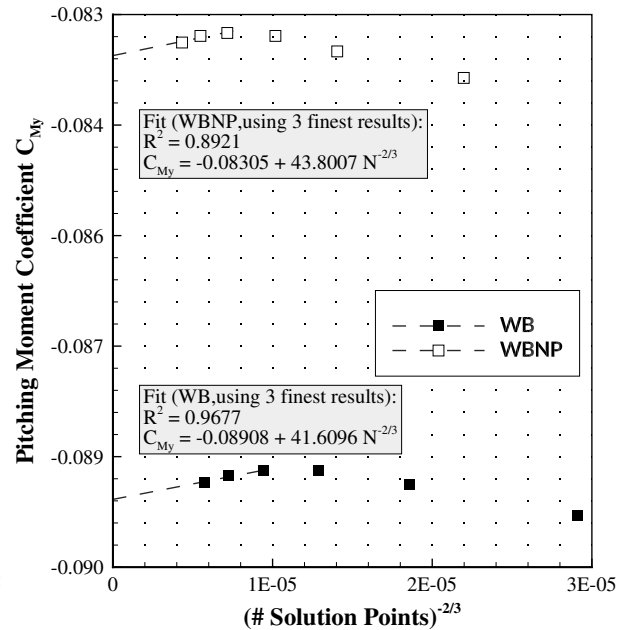
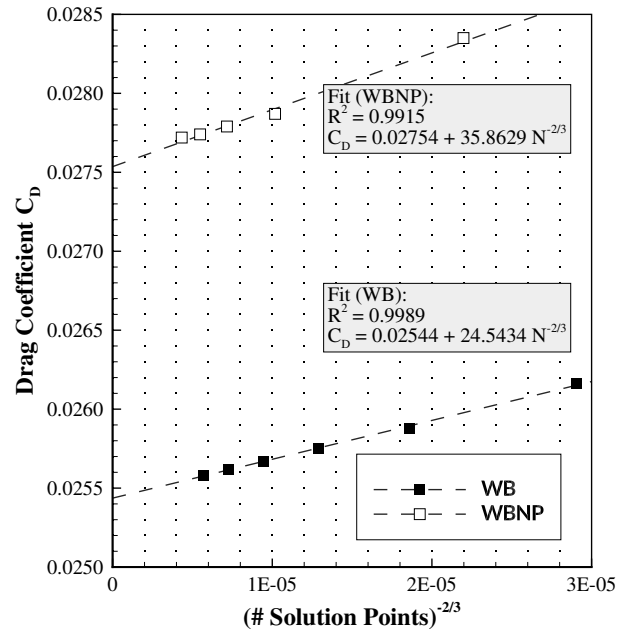
Grid Level	Viscous Spacing (in)	Average Wall $y^+$	Max. SR*	# Grid Pts. (WB)	# Solve Pts. (WB)	# Grid Pts. (WBNP)	# Solve Pts. (WBNP)
Tiny	0.014780	1.02	1.235	7,398,176	6,379,336	11,865,177	9,707,120
Coarse	0.011820	0.80	1.186	14,355,678	12,497,390	22,999,565	18,990,993
Medium	0.009853	0.67	1.149	24,698,828	21,630,582	39,542,953	30,803,381
Fine	0.008446	0.58	1.128	39,098,858	34,394,846	62,566,221	52,167,031
Extra-Fine	0.007390	0.50	1.112	58,227,000	51,400,952	93,176,522	77,942,776
Ultra-Fine	0.006569	0.45	1.099	82,754,486	73,222,123	132,381,764	110,984,107

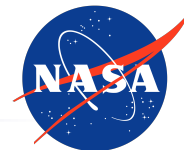
\* SR – Stretching ratio



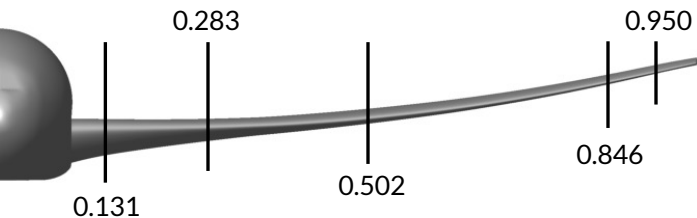
# DPW-VI Validation Study

- Strong 2<sup>nd</sup> order convergence observed for the drag coefficient  $C_D$
- Drag increment  $\Delta C_D$  trend observed to fall within experimental uncertainty range





# DPW-VI Validation Study



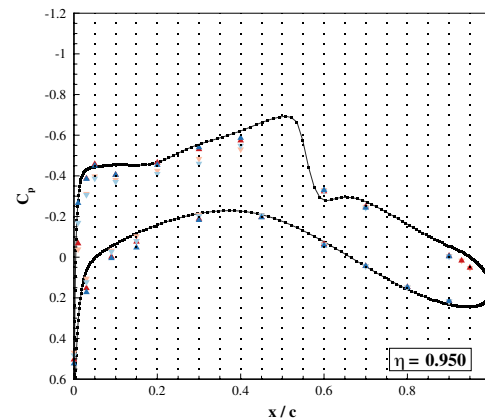
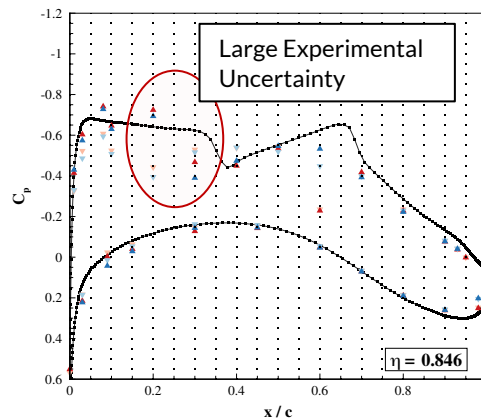
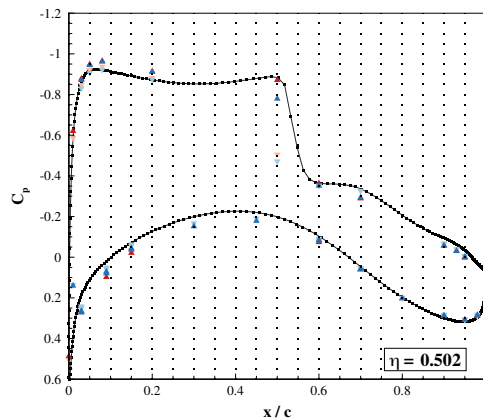
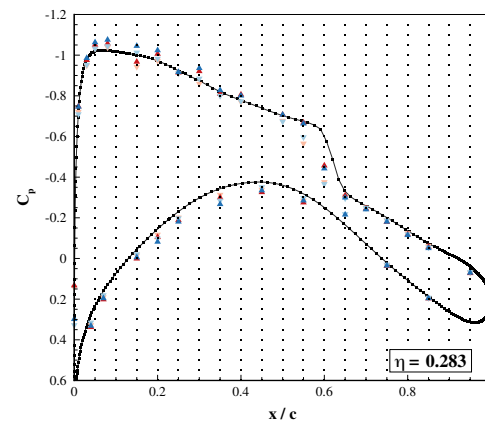
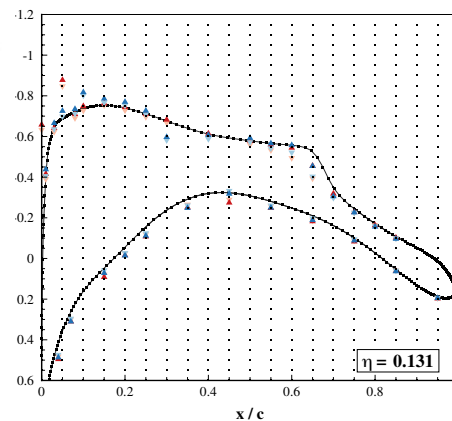
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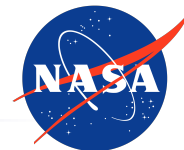
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—▲— NTF T197R44,  $C_L = 0.521$  (WB)

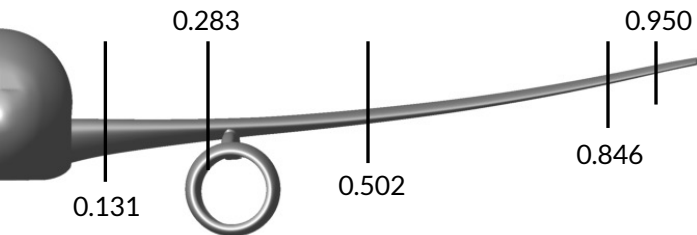
—▲— Ames 11ft T216R126,  $C_L = 0.482$  (WB)

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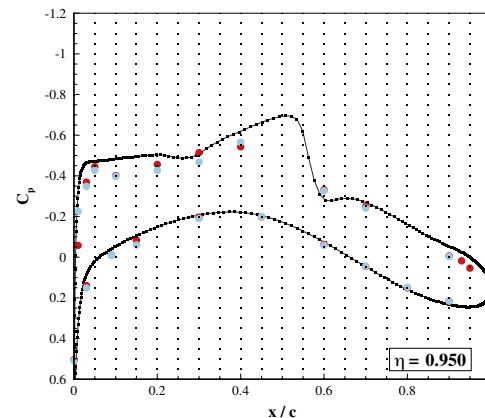
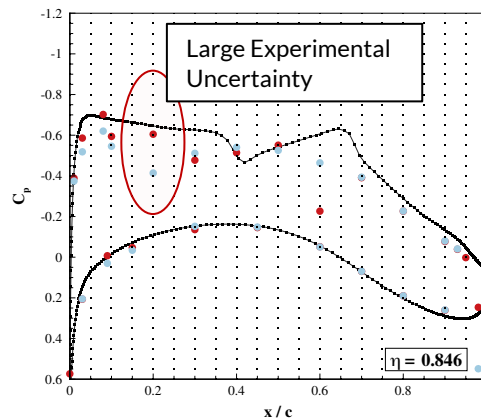
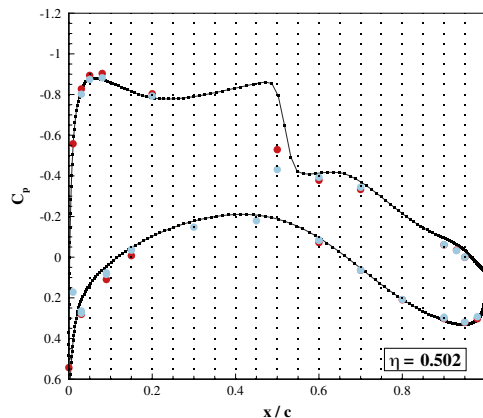
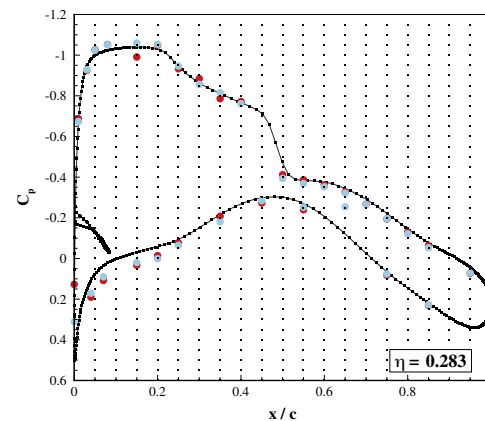
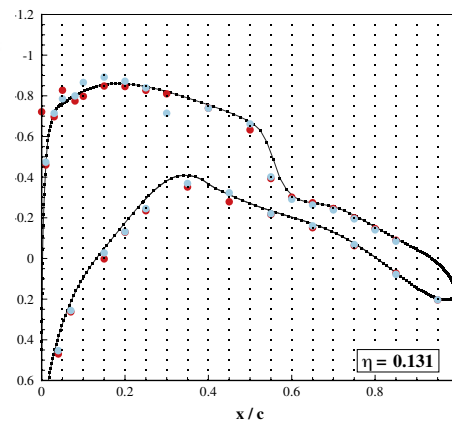




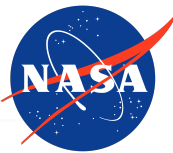
# DPW-VI Validation Study



—■— LAVA (WBNP, SA RC-QCR, Ultra-Fine) 132M  
● NTF T197R74,  $C_L = 0.503$  (WBNP)  
● Ames 11ft T216R108,  $C_L = 0.492$  (WBNP)



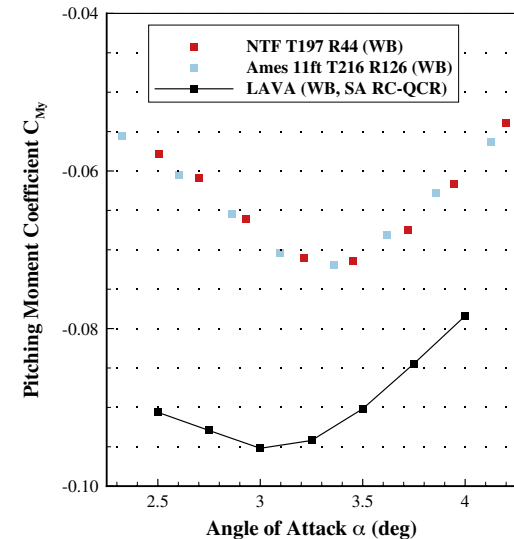
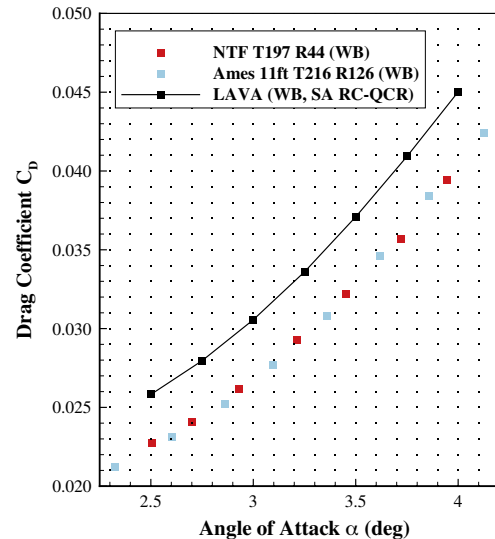
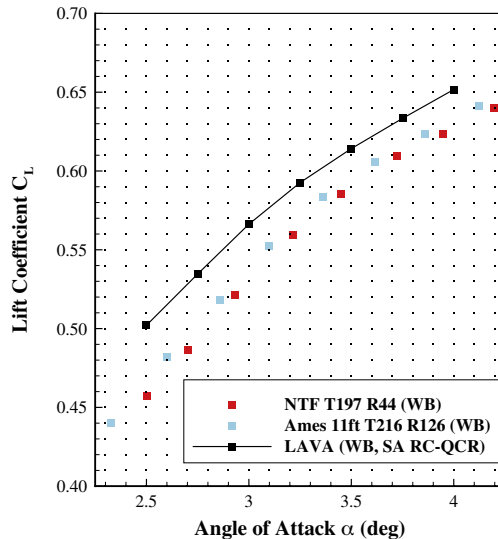


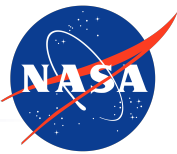


# DPW-VI Validation Study

**Case 3** – Perform an angle-of-attack sweep on the **WB** configuration, taking into account the **wing deflections** measured in the European Transonic Wind tunnel (ETW)

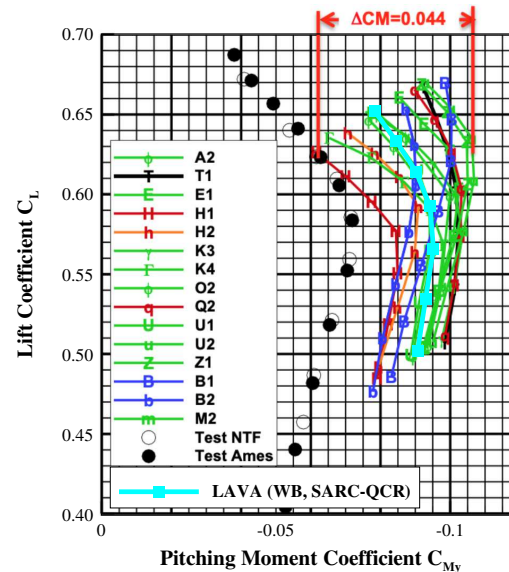
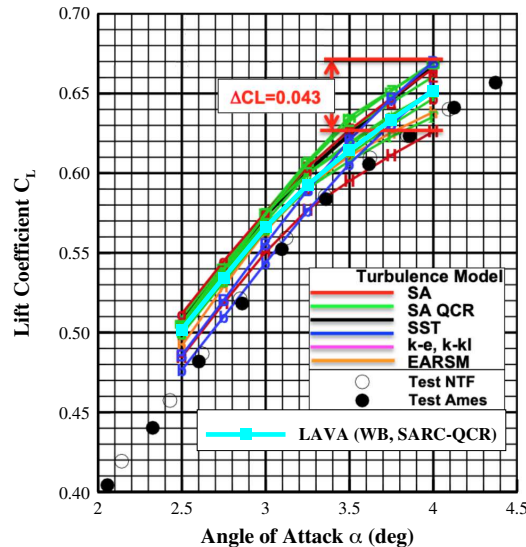
- Medium grid refinement level (25M)
- Angles-of-attack (AoA) ranging between  $2.5^\circ$  and  $4^\circ$ , in  $0.25^\circ$  increments
- Wing grids modified at each AoA according to aeroelastic deflections measured in ETW





# DPW-VI Validation Study

- LAVA solver results are among the best workshop-submitted **SA-QCR** results
- Discrepancy between wind tunnel data and CFD results partially attributed to **lack of a corrected wind tunnel dataset accounting for mounting hardware effects**<sup>[3]</sup>
- Computational studies on the impact of the sting on the loads on a CRM model with a horizontal tail<sup>†</sup> **show a decrease in lift and an increase in pitching moment**<sup>[4,5]</sup>

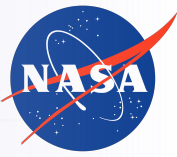


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<sup>†</sup> It should be noted that the horizontal tail will increase the sensitivity to these effects



# **PART I**

# **WIND TUNNEL**

# **DATABASE**

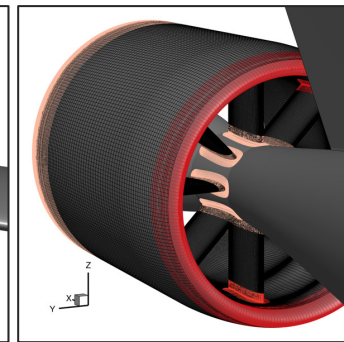
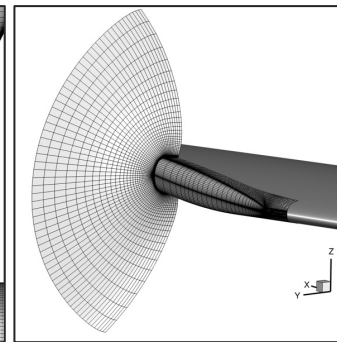
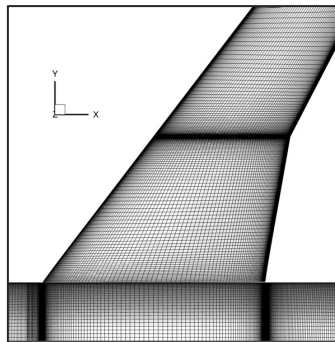
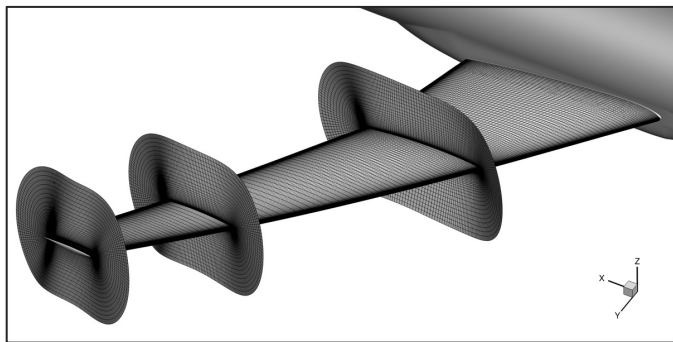
# **RUNS**



# Grid Topology

- Overset grids were created according to the [guidelines from DPW-VI](#)
- Grids were consistently refined to generate a family of 3 grids

Configuration	# Grid Points	Coarse	Medium	Fine
Clean	Total	21M	60M	156M
	Solve	16M	47M	122M
TCT	Total	30M	86M	224M
	Solve	23M	66M	173M

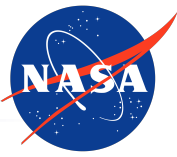


24 Wing O-grid topology detail

Wing surface grid

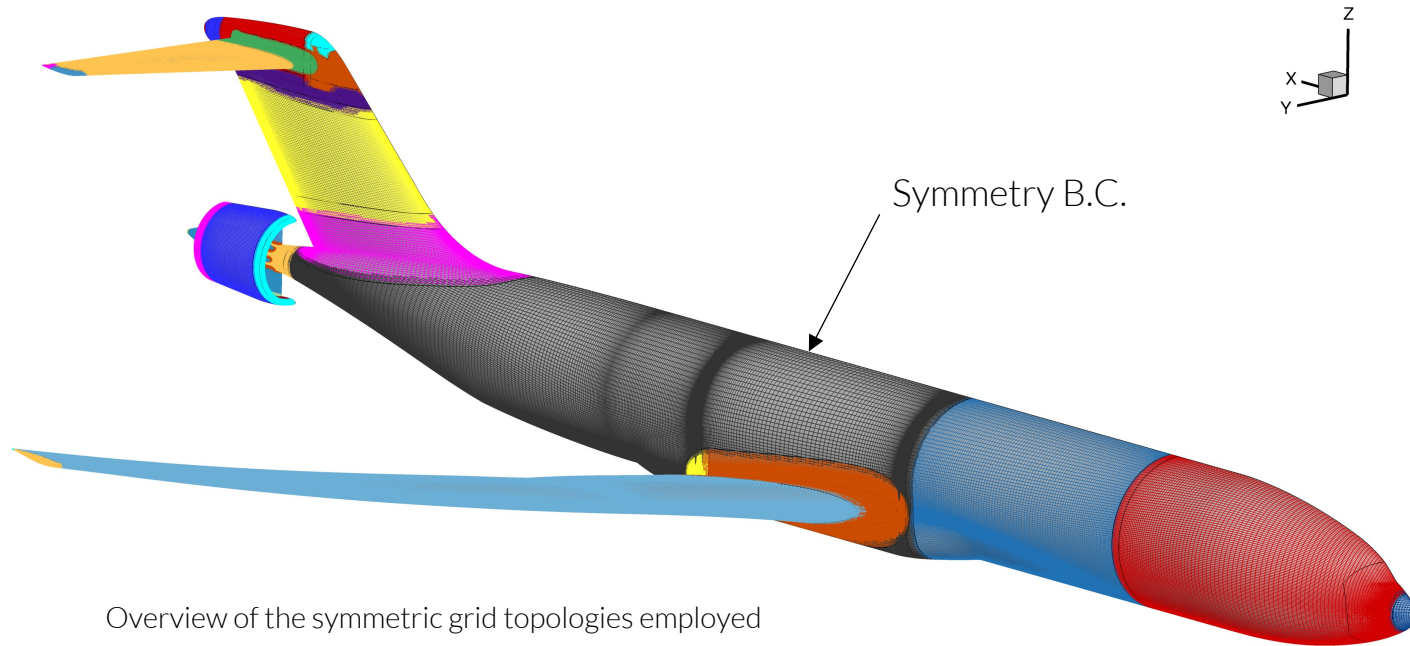
Wing tip cap grid

TCT grids



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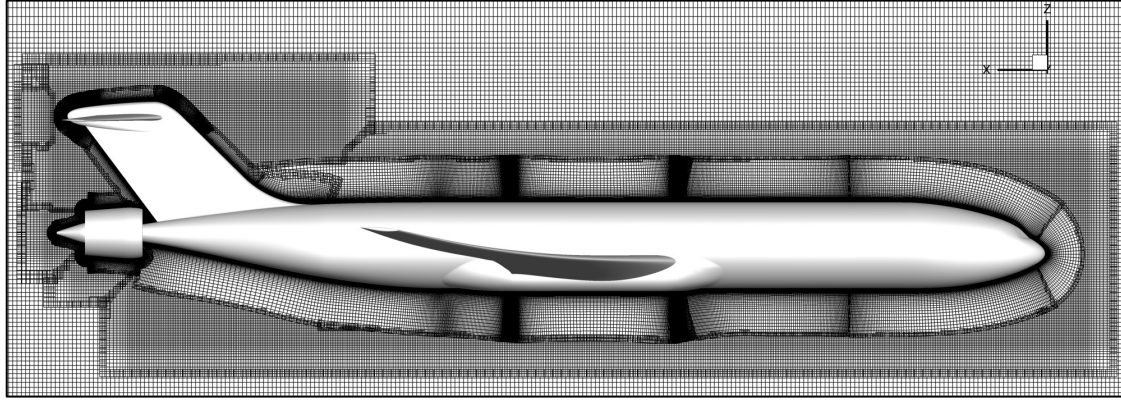
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Overview of the symmetric grid topologies employed

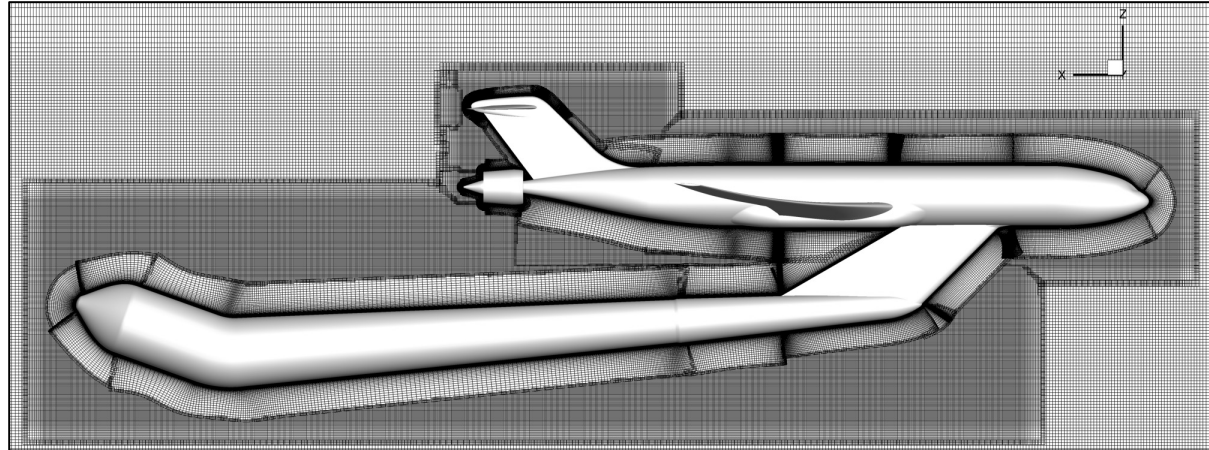


# Grid Topology



No-sting configuration (TCT-NS) volume grid cut.  
Medium grid level.

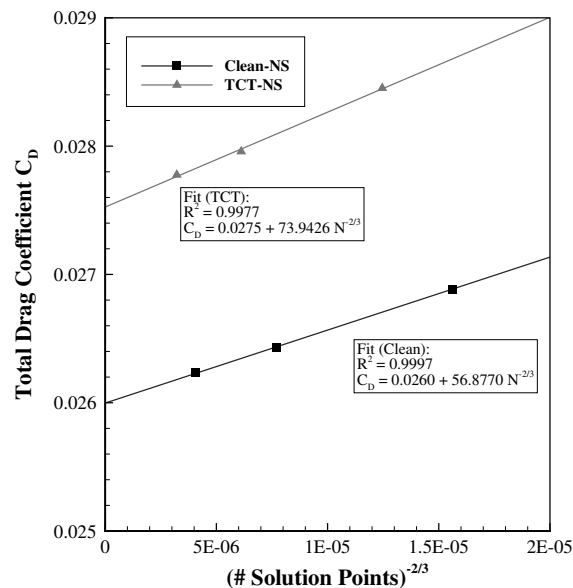
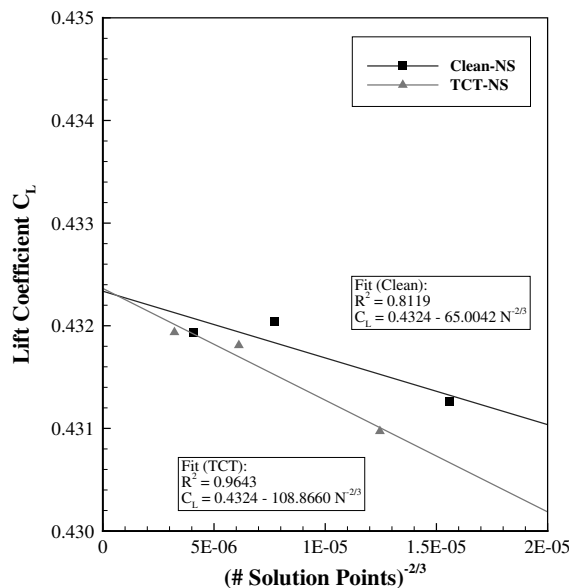
Sting configuration (TCT-S) volume grid cut.  
Medium grid level.





# Grid Refinement Study

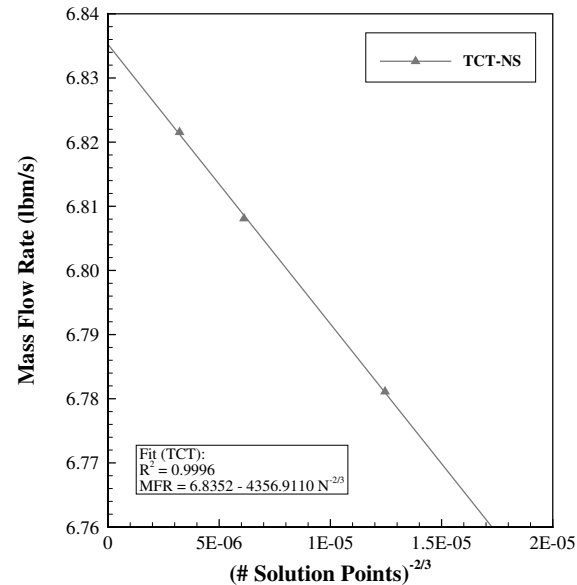
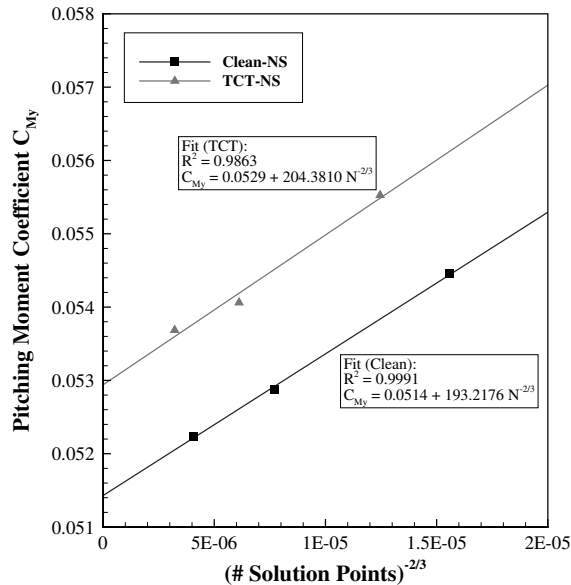
- Grid refinement study performed for condition
  - $Re = 5M$ ,  $Ma = 0.85$  and  $AoA = 2^\circ$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order convergence observed for  $C_D$ , little sensitivity seen in  $C_L$  with non-monotonic convergence with grid refinement





# Grid Refinement Study

- Pitching moment coefficient also shows 2<sup>nd</sup> order convergence for both **Clean** and **TCT-NS** configurations, while the mass flow rate in TCT-NS case converges to an asymptotic value of 6.835 lbm/s



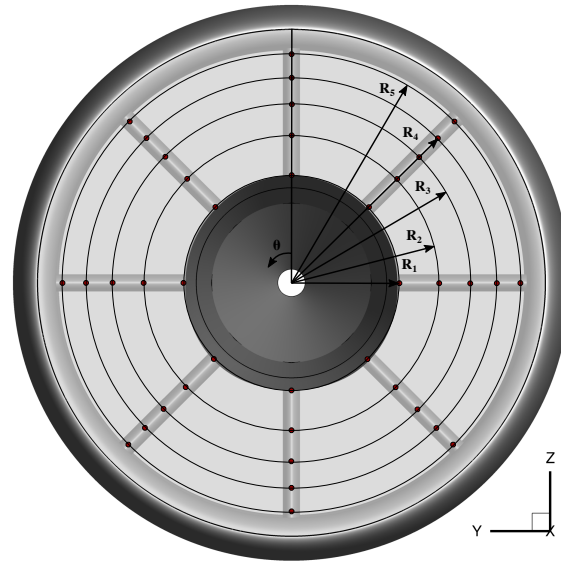




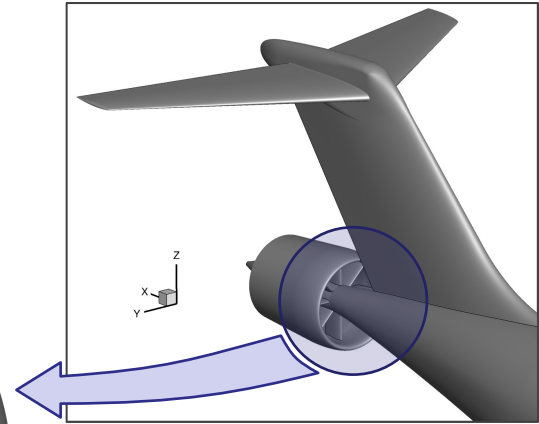
# Flow Distortion Characterization

- Flow distortion is quantified according to the **ARP1420 standard** by measuring total pressure and flow angularity at the nacelle highlight
  - 40 probes located 45° apart along five radial locations defined by equal-area rings
- Flow angularity measures the angle of the velocity vector to the engine axis:

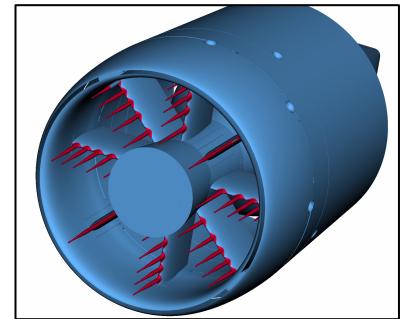
$$\theta_{\text{flow}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{e}_x}{|\mathbf{V}|}$$



ARP1420 probe locations



Flow-through aft-body

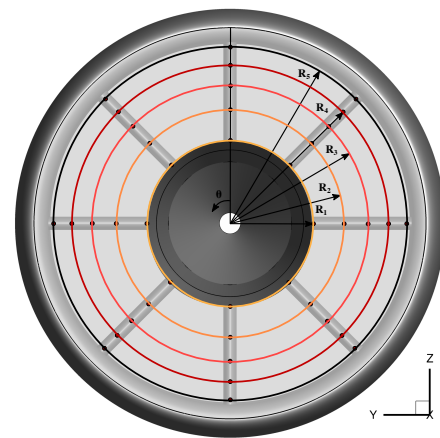
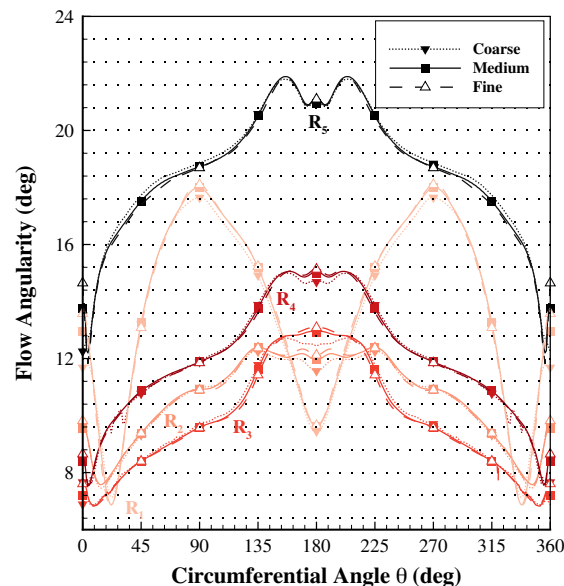
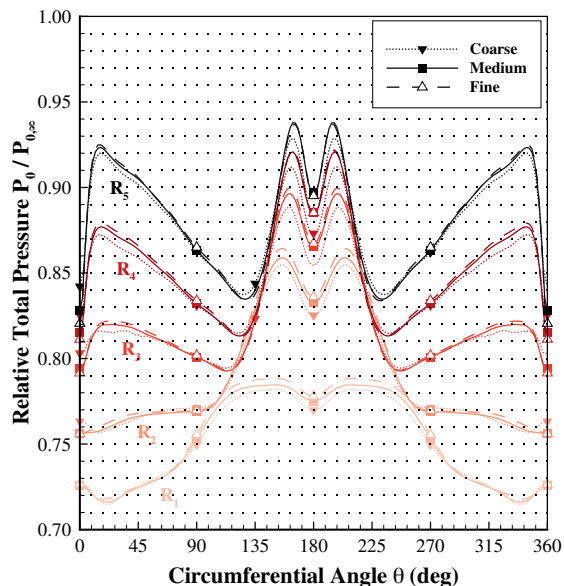


Wind tunnel probe geometry

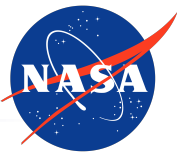


# Grid Refinement Study

- **Very little sensitivity** observed in nacelle highlight flow distortion metrics across the three grids, particularly between the **medium** and **fine** level grids
- Main grid-sensitive areas clustered around bottom half of the engine

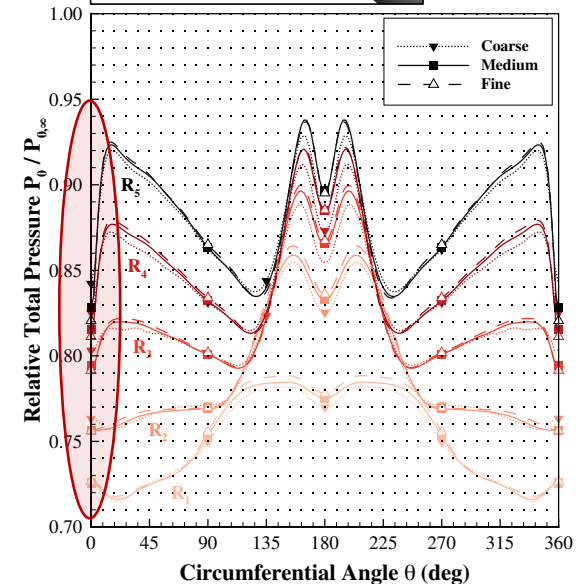
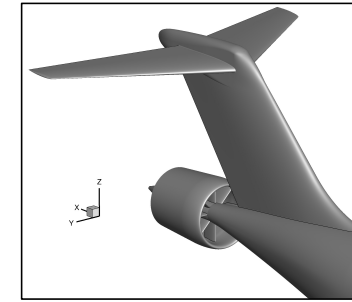
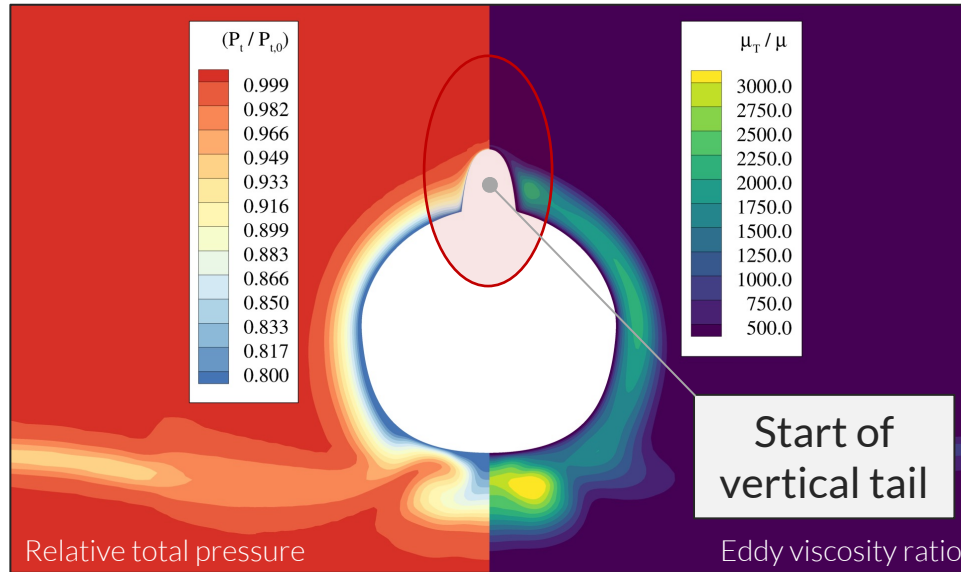


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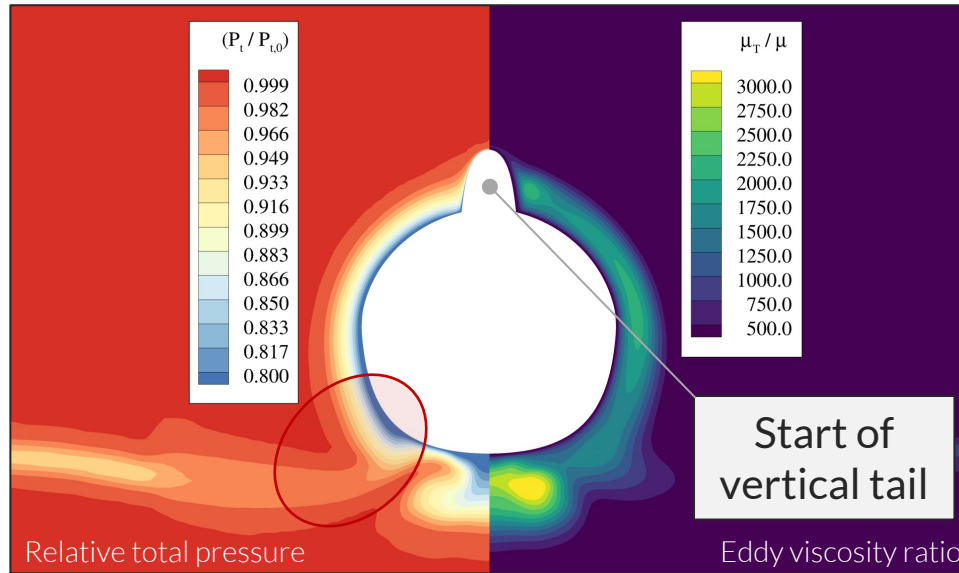
# Key Flow Distortion Mechanisms

- Total pressure minimum at around  $0^\circ$  corresponds to the losses occurring as the flow goes past the vertical tail

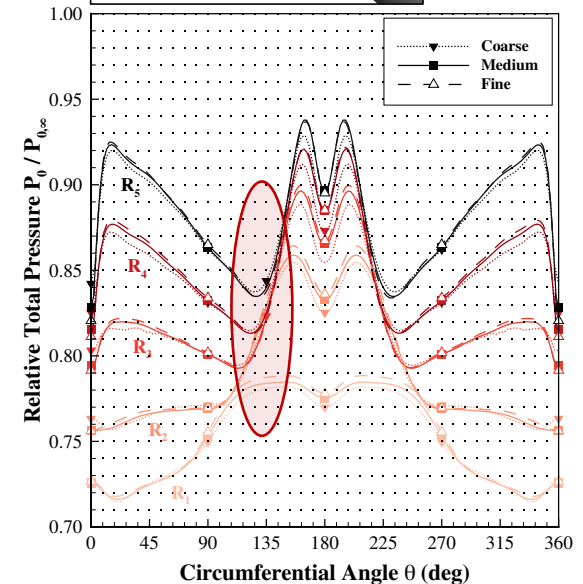
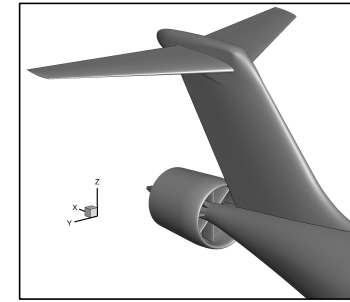


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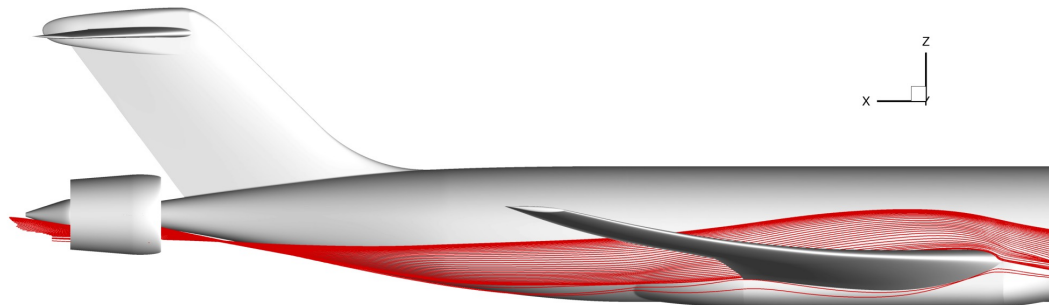
Streamwise cut downstream of the wing



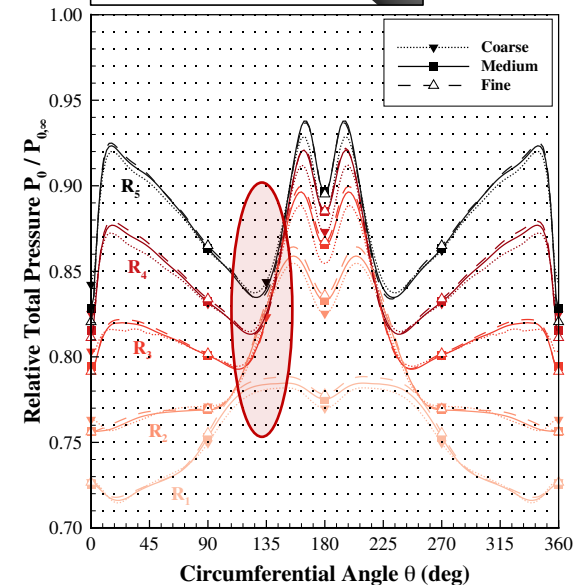
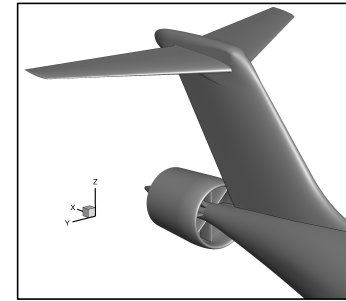


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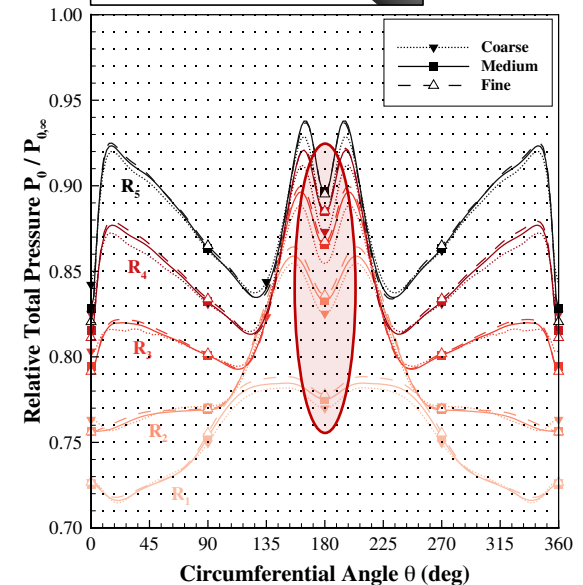
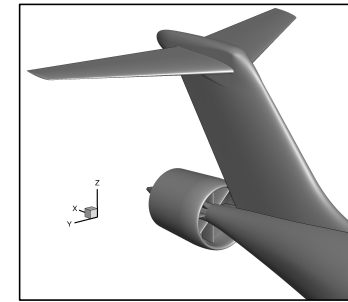
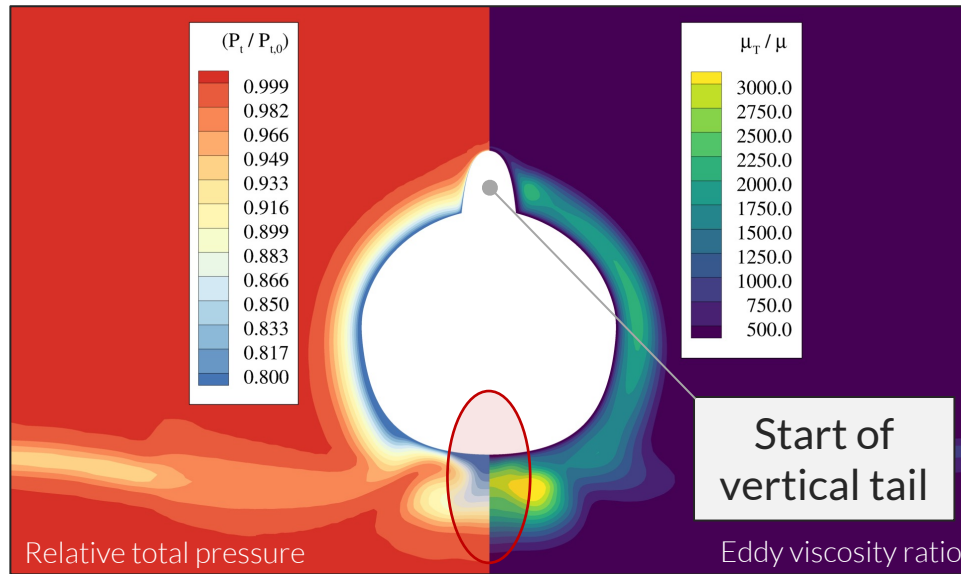
Streamlines over the wing

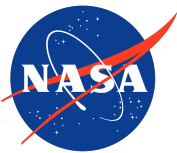




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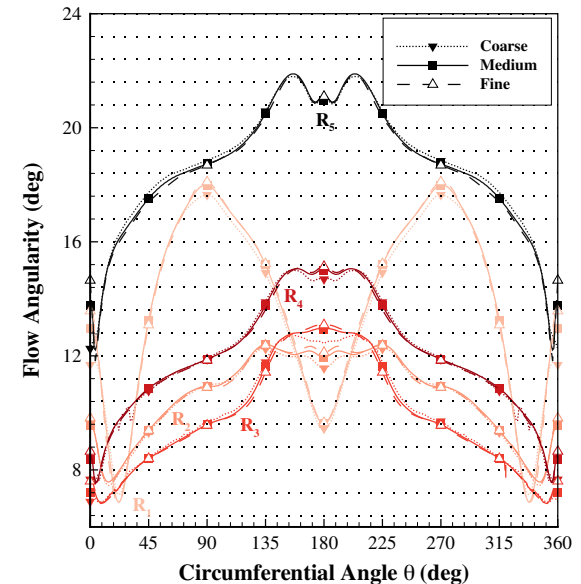
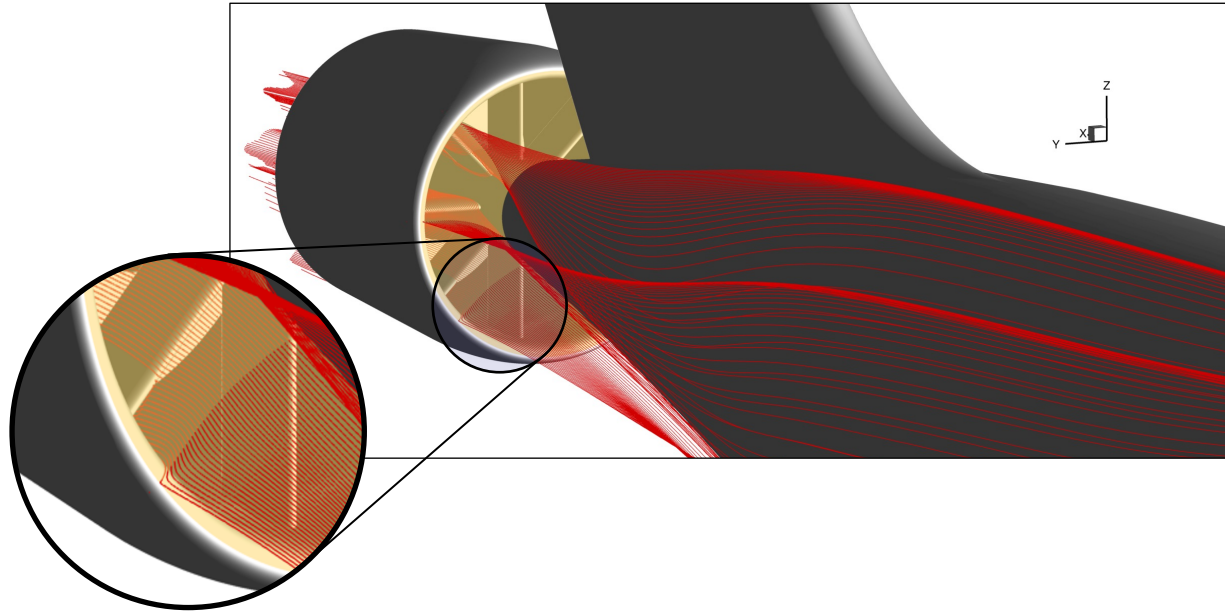
- Lower pressure region at  $\theta = 180^\circ$  caused by fuselage boundary layer getting pushed downwards by upsweep vortices

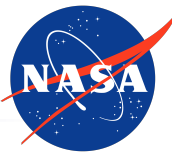




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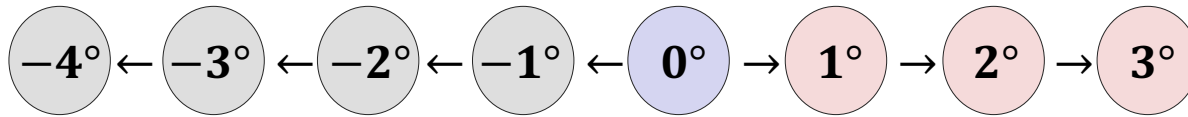
- Larger distortion profiles near the hub ( $R_1$ ) and near the casing ( $R_5$ ) – due to proximity to nacelle lip





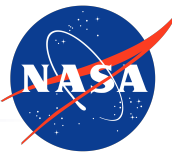
# Simulation Initialization Procedure and Computational Cost

- Database alpha-sweeps were run by cold-starting the  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  case, and then warm-starting from the previous angle of attack



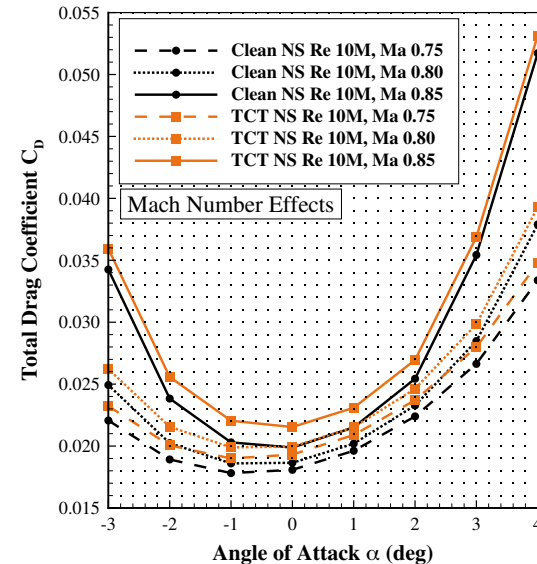
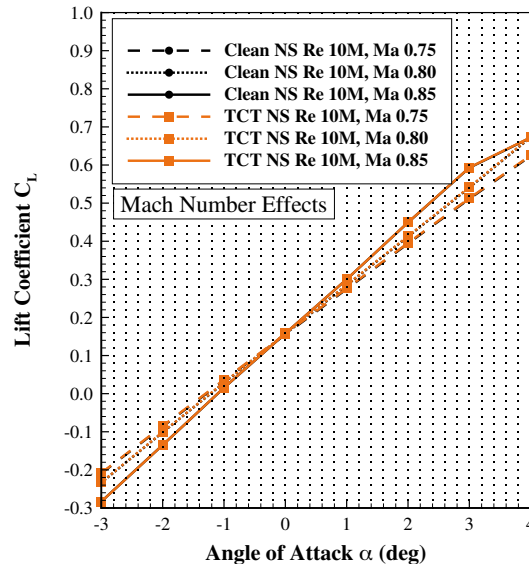
- This method allowed for a computational cost savings of 45%, compared to cold-starting the entire 240 cases from freestream
- Entire database cost was around 48,000 core-hours, with each angle of attack case taking an average of 30 minutes on 400 Intel Skylake cores, or 200 core-hours
- For brevity, results will be shown for the  $Re = 10M$  condition only

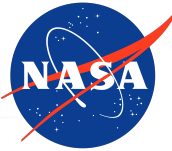




# Mach Number Sensitivity

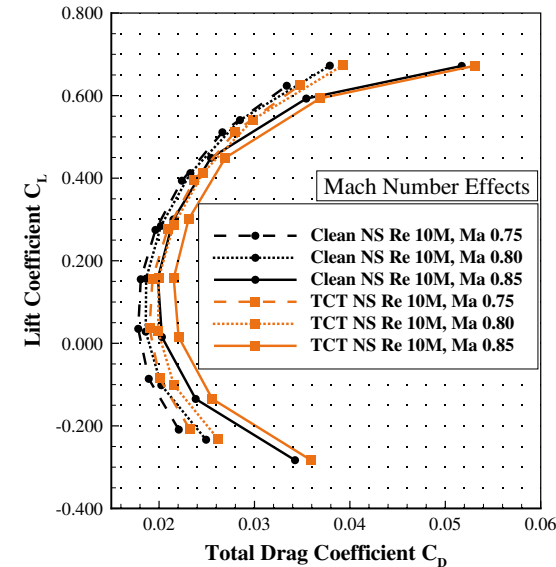
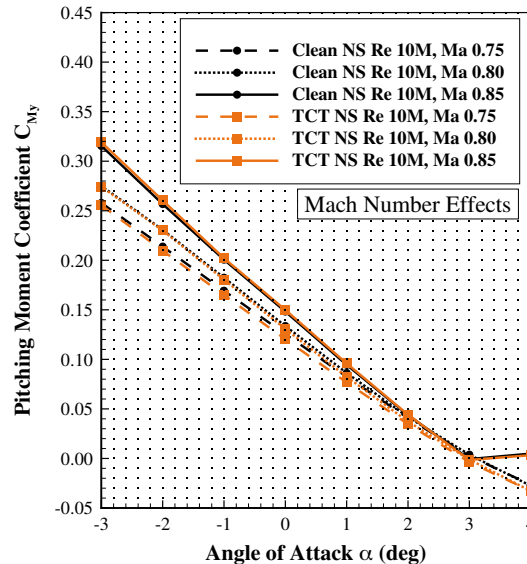
- Little sensitivity observed in  $C_L$  between Clean and TCT configurations
- Mach 0.85 condition shows an increase in  $C_D$  with TCT installed, ranging from a minimum increase of 14 drag counts at  $\alpha = 4^\circ$ , to a maximum of 17 drag counts at lower angles of attack





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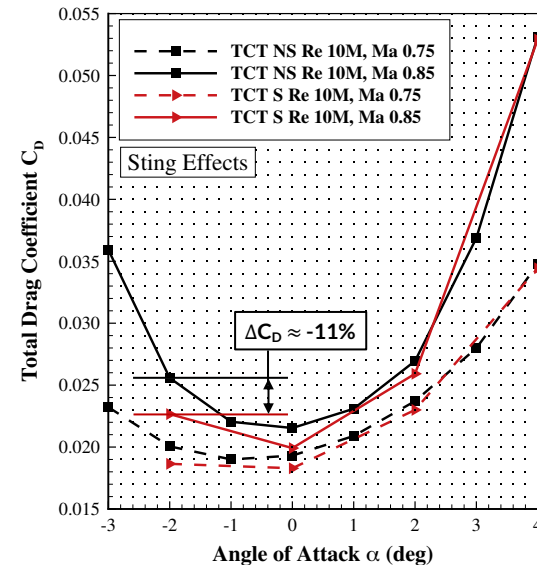
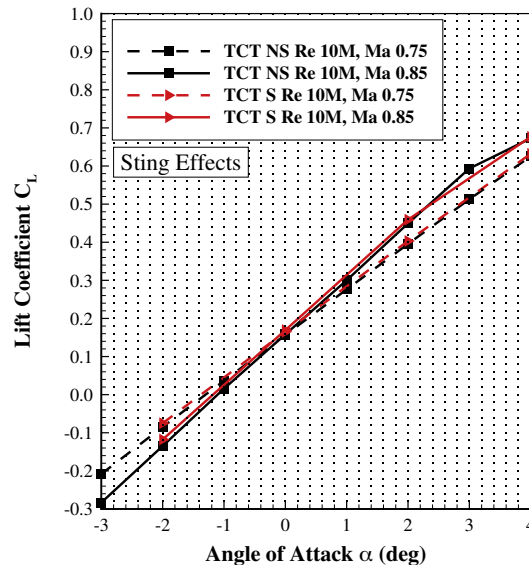
- Little sensitivity observed in  $C_{My}$  between Clean and TCT configurations
- Increase in pitching moment coefficient for 4° angle of attack case caused by appearance of small shocks in the upper surface of the horizontal tail





# Sting Effects

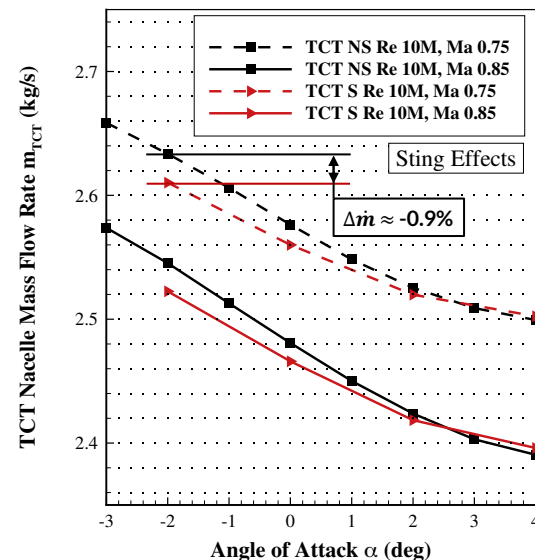
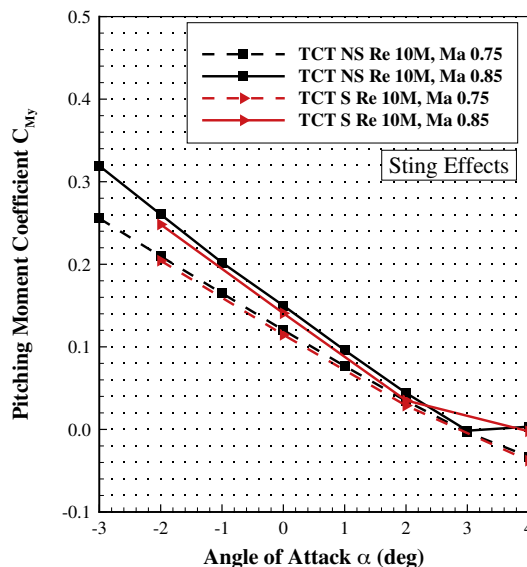
- Presence of the sting plays a small role in  $C_L$
- However, a significant decrease in  $C_D$  is observed when the sting is installed
  - This will be assessed in more detail once wind tunnel data is provided, and will depend on the kind of interference corrections that are performed on the data





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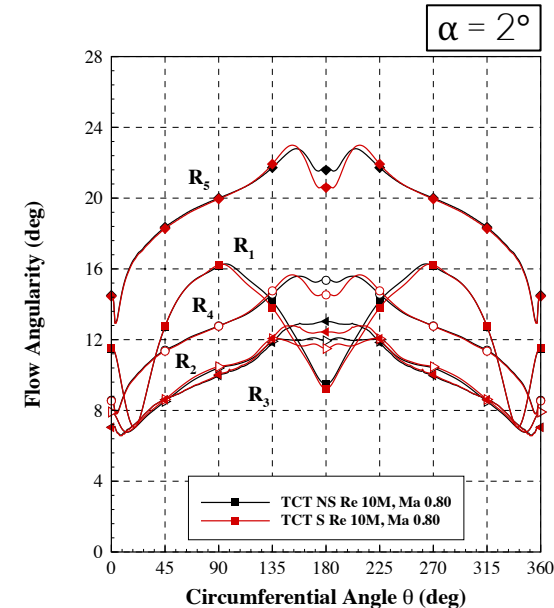
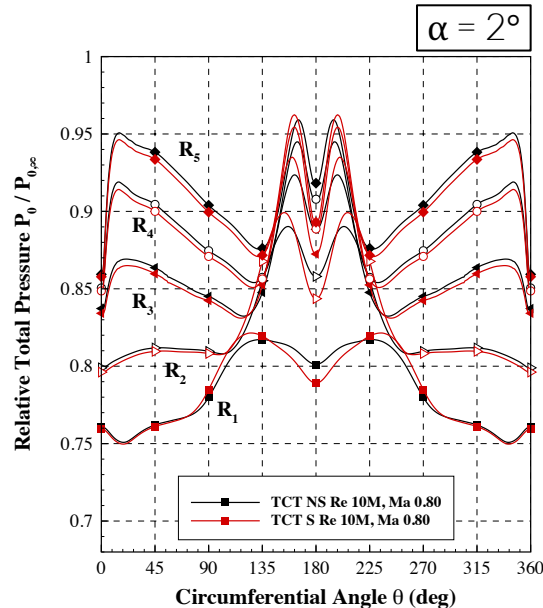
- Small decrease in pitching moment coefficient  $C_{My}$
- Significant impact on the measured **mass flow rate** through the tail-cone thruster
  - **Sting interference/blockage** effect lowers TCT mass flow rate by about 0.9% compared to free air

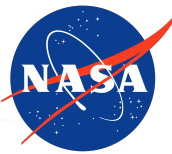




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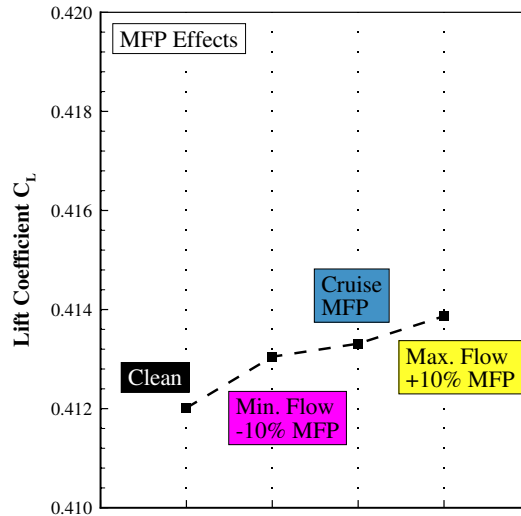
- At  $\alpha = 2^\circ$ , the effects of the sting are present at the TCT inlet
  - Additional pressure losses observed across the circumference, but especially localized at  $180^\circ$
  - Negligible effect on the flow angularity, except at the  $180^\circ$  location



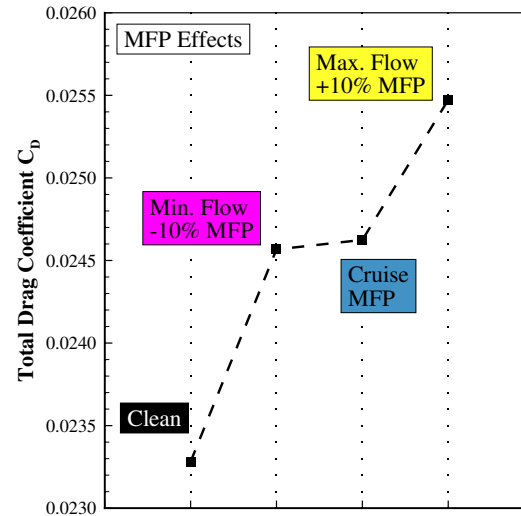


# Mass Flow Plug Sensitivity

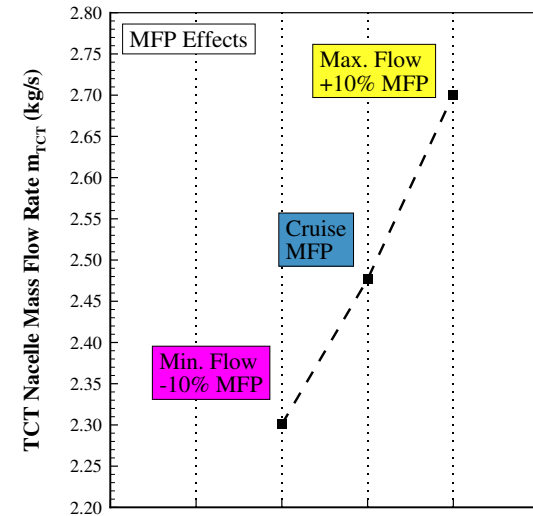
- Unique mass flow plugs allow simulations of different operating power levels
- Monotonic increase in  $C_L$  caused by higher *simulated thrust* and 2° angle of attack
- Similar  $C_D$  between -10% and Cruise MFP; 8 drag count increase with +10% MFP



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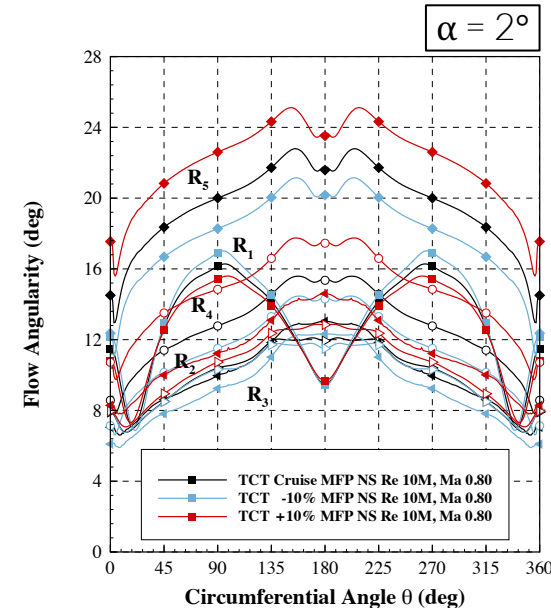
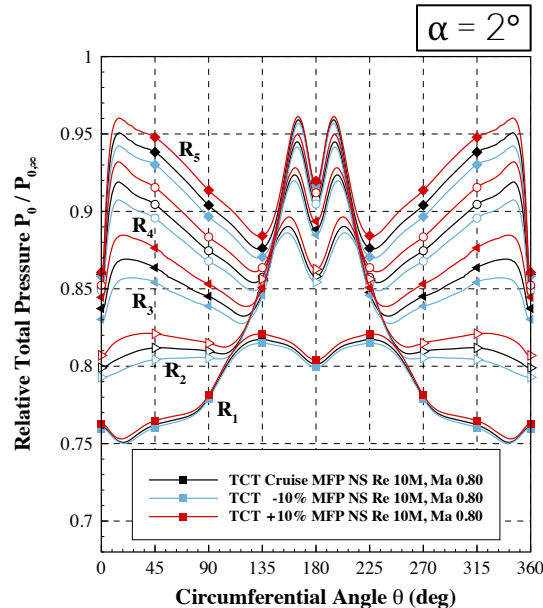


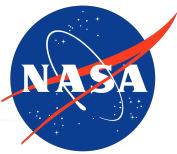
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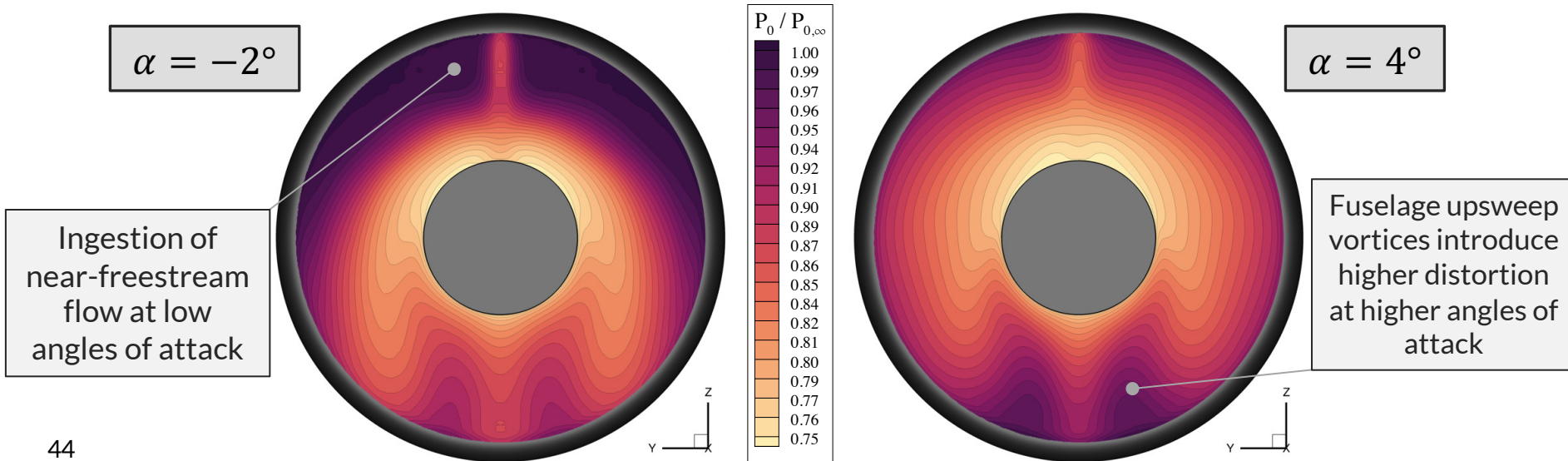
- Total pressure losses appear to be lower at higher TCT mass flow rate conditions
- However, there is a penalty in the flow angularity distortion when operating at higher simulated power levels



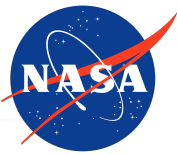


# Flow Distortion Signature

- Nacelle highlight contours of relative total pressure **emphasize distortion signature**
- Low total pressure region around the hub corresponds to the **fuselage boundary layer that is ingested**; levels of **flow distortion are high around top half of inlet at lower angles of attack**, and **high in lower half of inlet at higher angles of attack**

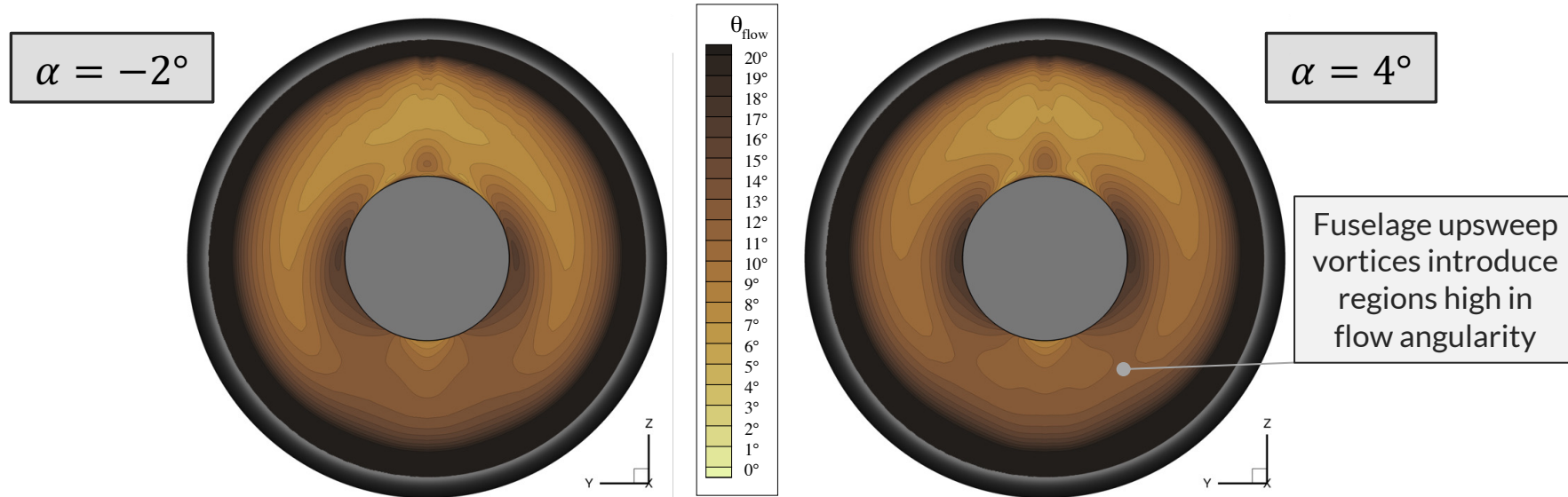


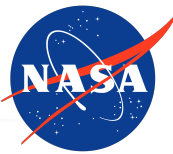




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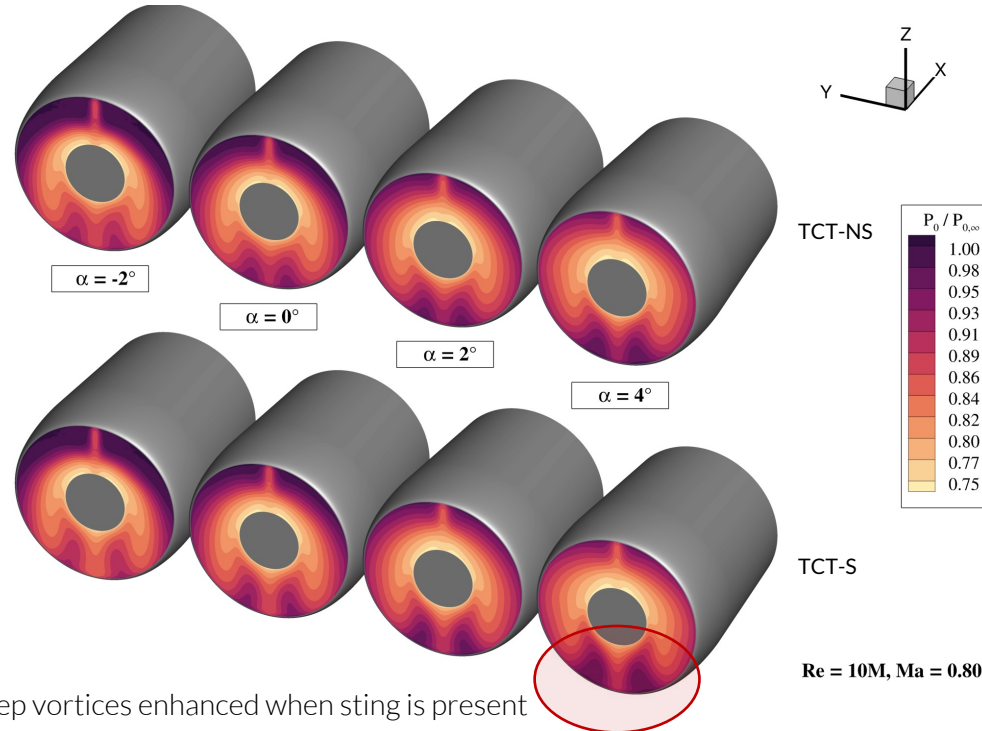
- Little sensitivity observed for the flow angularity at the nacelle highlight with angle of attack
- Regions of high flow angularity at the bottom half of the inlet correspond to the fuselage upsweep vortices ingested by the TCT

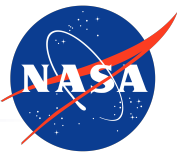




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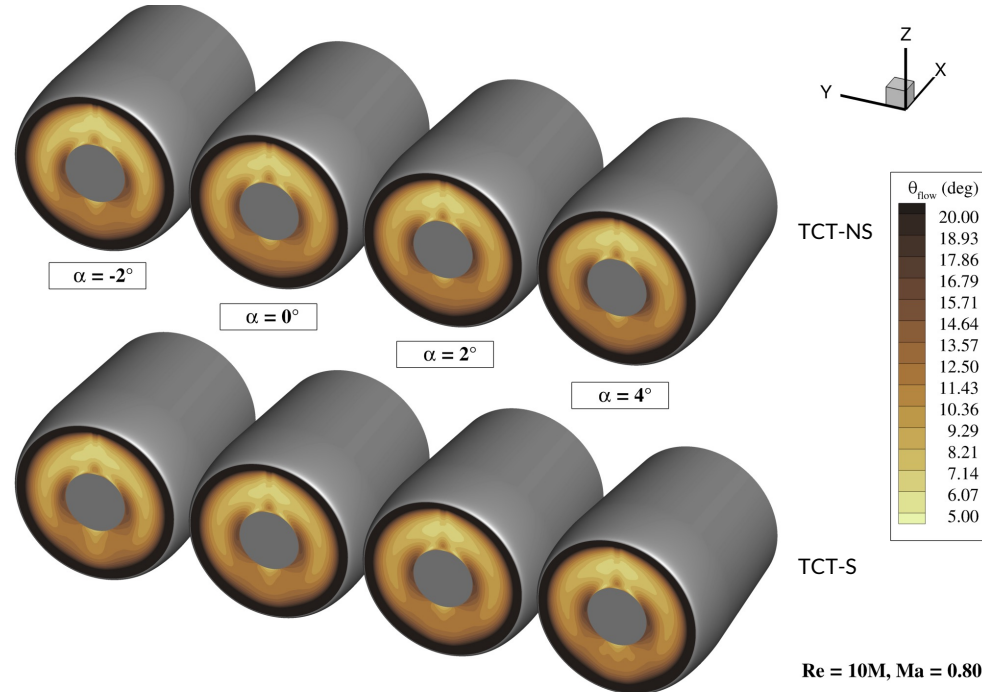
- TCT inlet pressure contours **vary significantly with angle of attack**, emphasizing the range of inlet distortion conditions a distortion-tolerant fan must tolerate

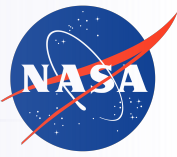




# Flow Distortion Signature

- Inlet flow angularity distortion shows **little sensitivity to angle of attack**





# **PART II**

# **CFD SUPPORT**

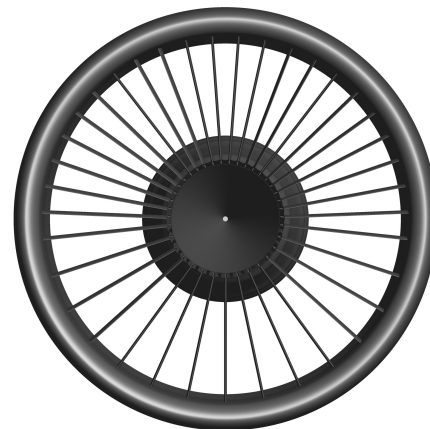
# **FOR IGV DESIGN**

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# CFD Support for IGV Design and Integration

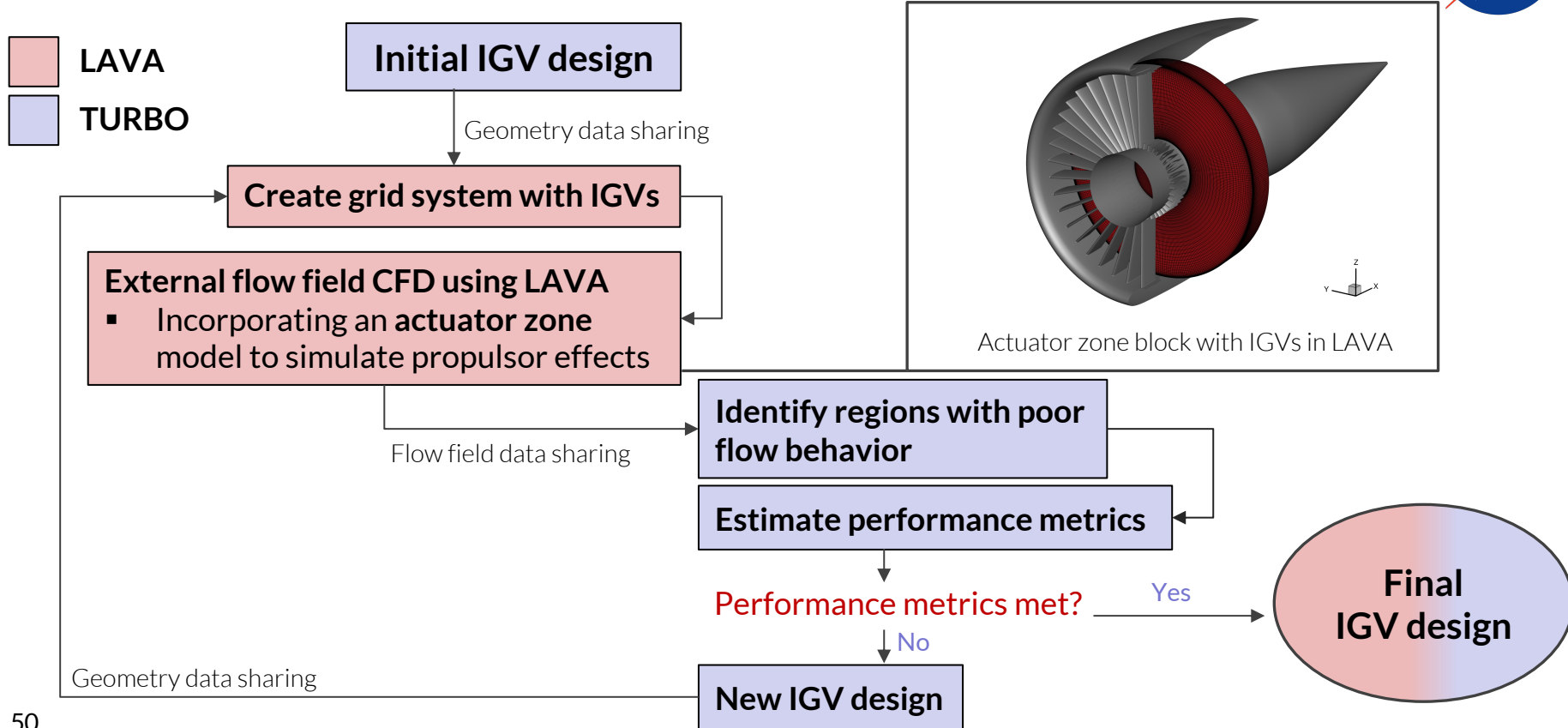
- Levels of flow distortion observed need to be addressed in a **powered setting** to ensure good fan performance, even when a distortion-tolerant fan (DTF) is employed
- IGV design/integration effort between LAVA and TURBO teams
- Several iterations of the design significantly improved the flow distortion signature in front of the fan location
- Results will show the LAVA perspective of the collaboration between ARC and GRC teams

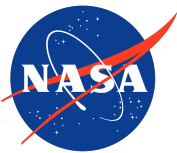


Latest IGV design  
Courtesy of  
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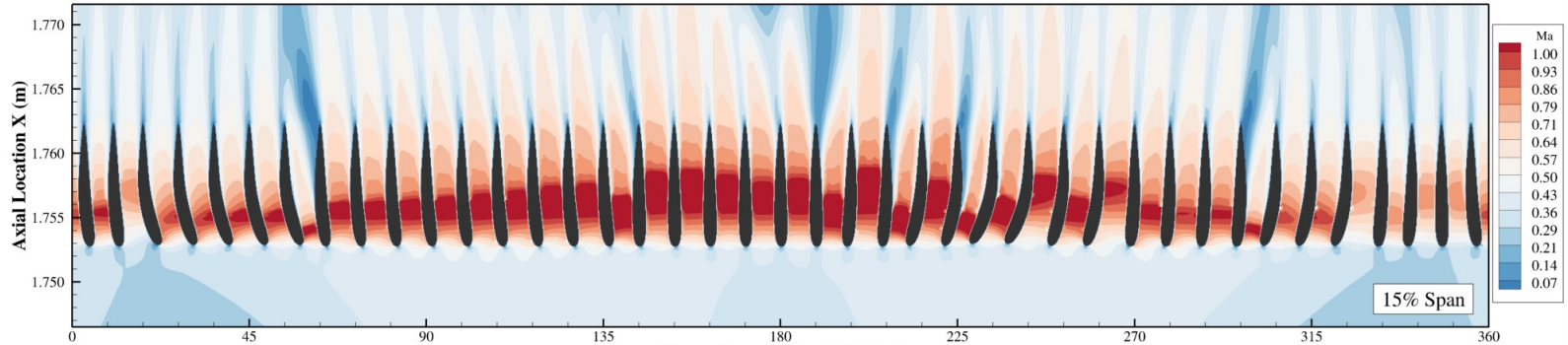




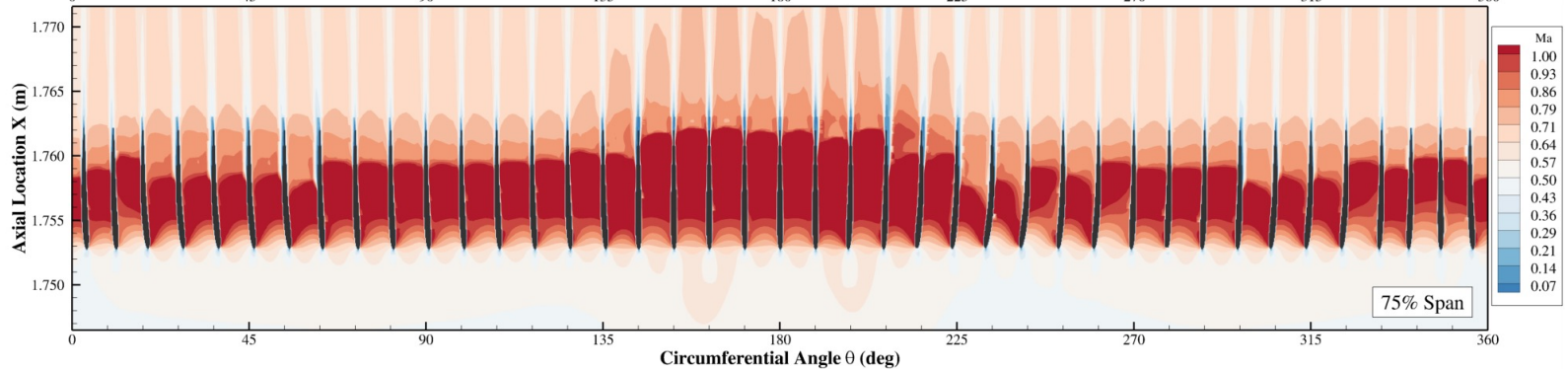
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- Initial IGV design\* used as start point showed **separated regions** and **choked flow**

15% Span



75% Span



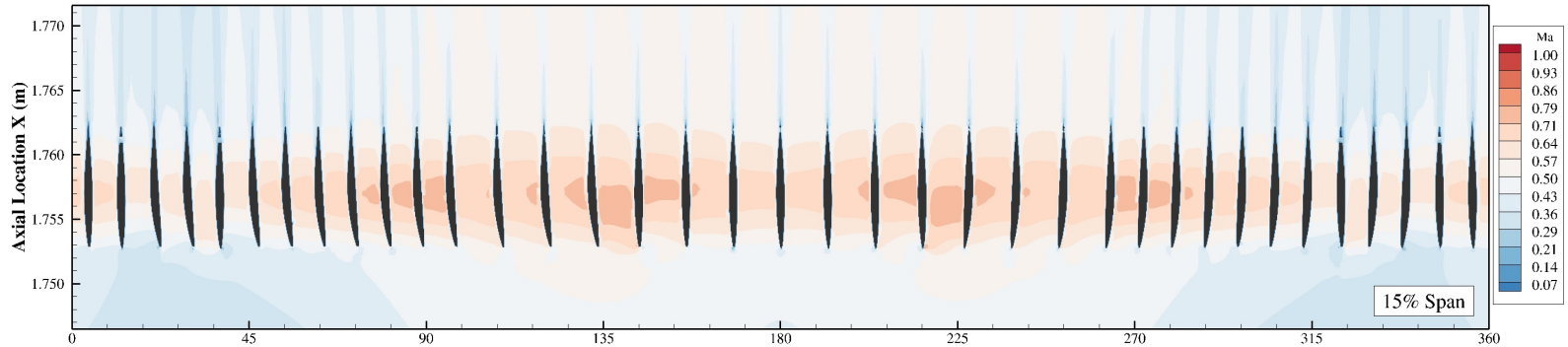




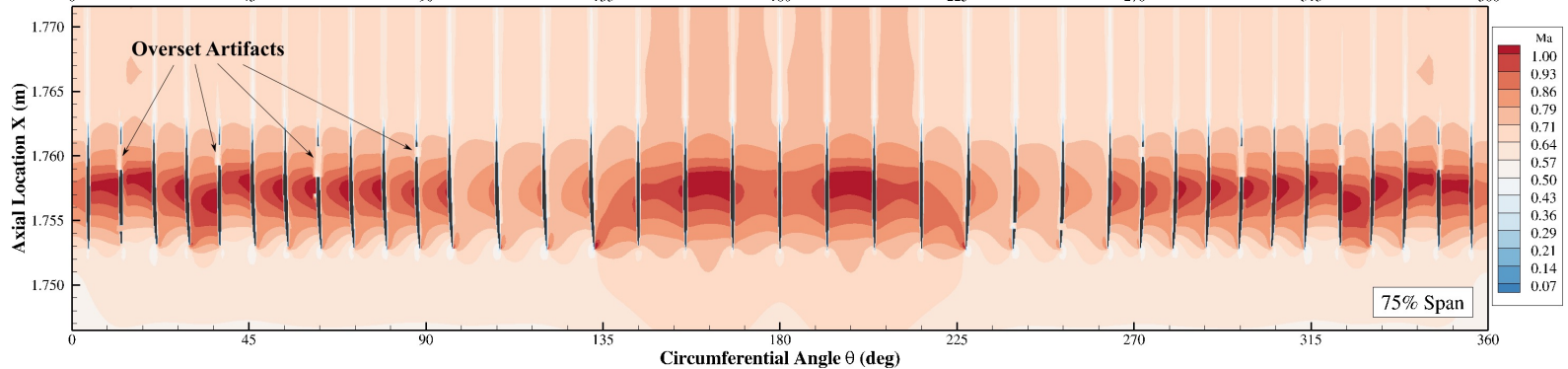
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- Strong shocks eliminated in latest iteration\*, and flow is aligned with axial direction

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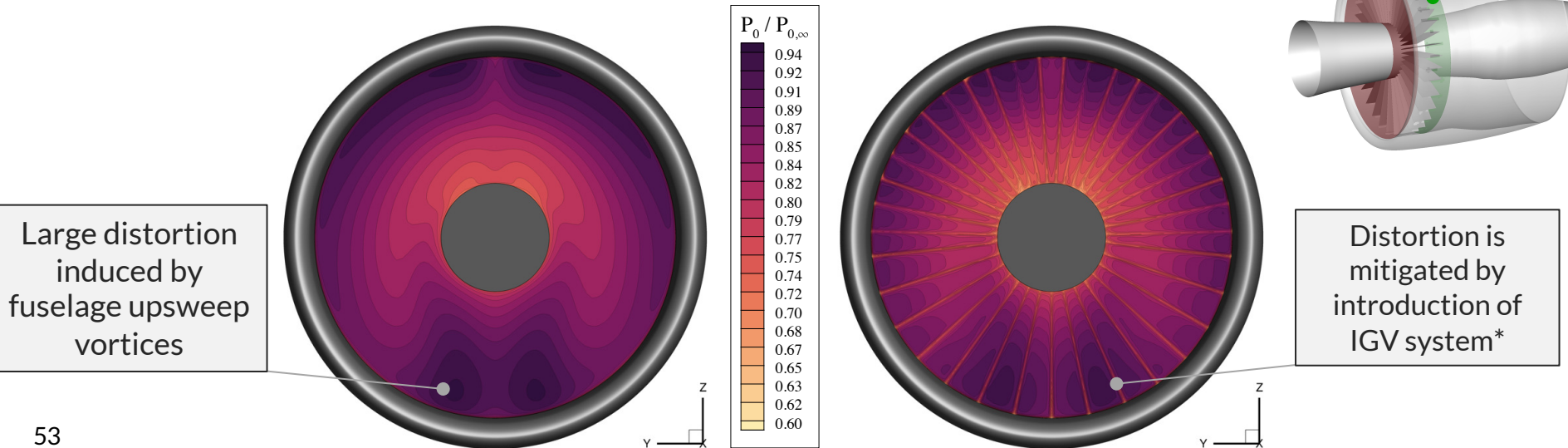






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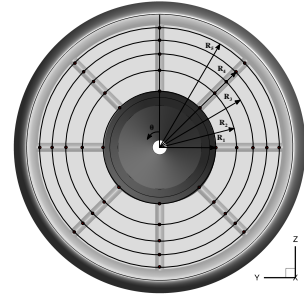
- More uniform total pressure distribution is observed at the aerodynamic interface plane (AIP) when IGVs are installed, especially near the hub in the bottom half of the profile, indicating the combined effect of wing downwash and fuselage upsweep has been mitigated



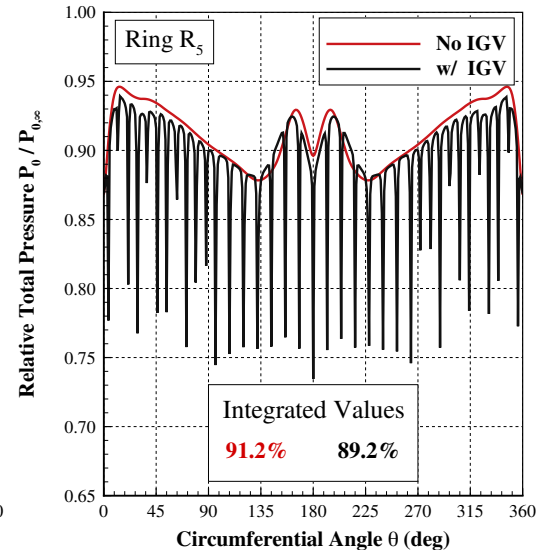
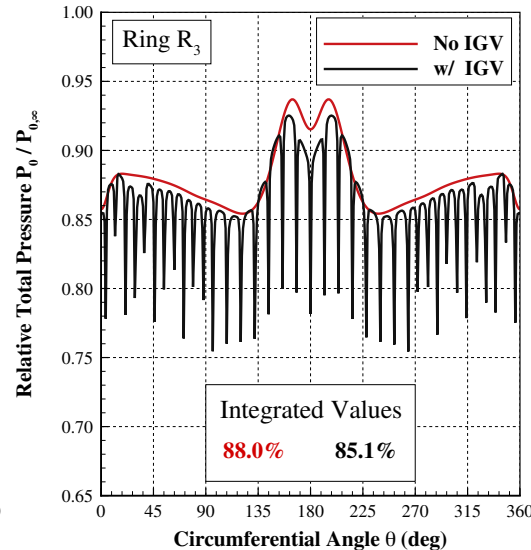
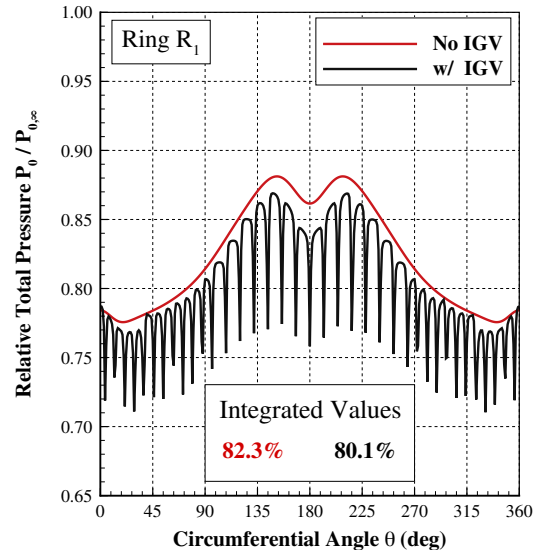


# CFD Support for IGV Design and Integration

- Differences may be quantified along equal-area rings defined by ARP1420 standard at the AIP section
- Localized pressure drops observed along IGV\* blade wakes result in a **maximum integrated total pressure loss along the ring of 3.3%**



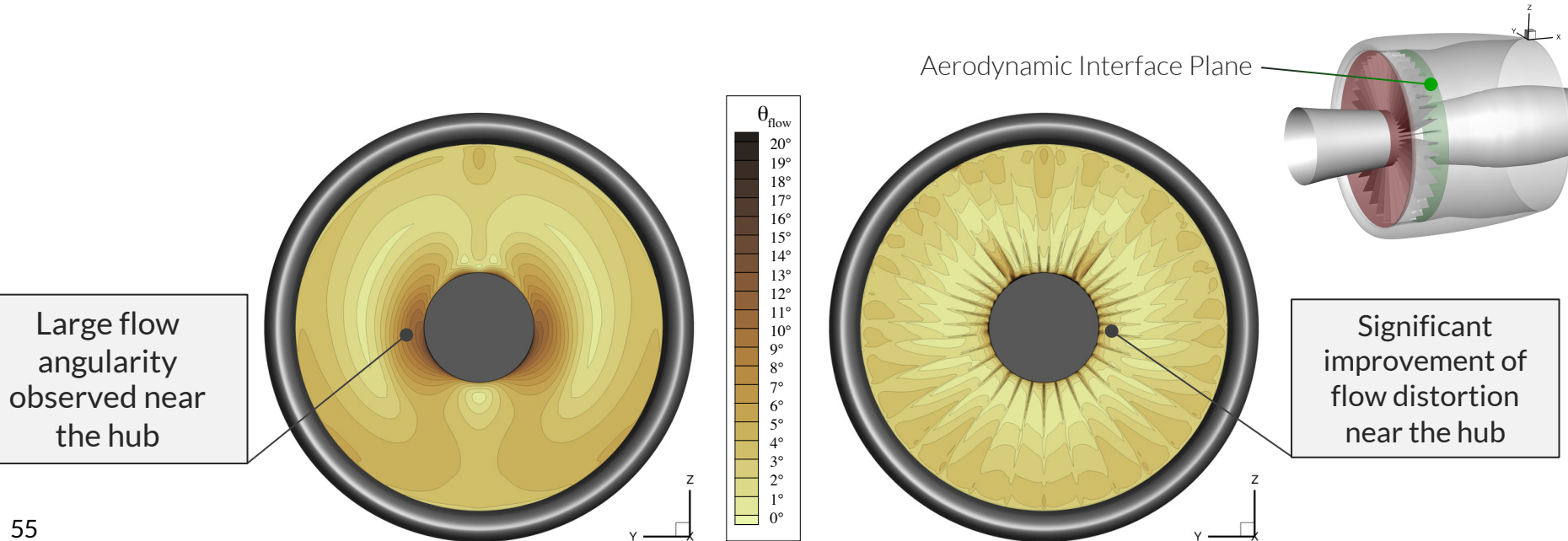
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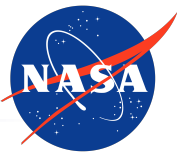




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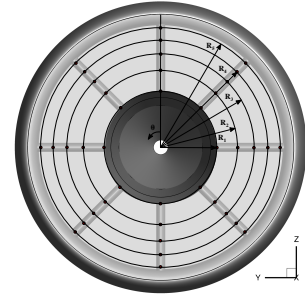
- Large distortion region around the hub is **substantially mitigated by IGV design\***
- A significantly more uniform circumferential profile is observed with the IGVs, which will **benefit DTF fan performance**



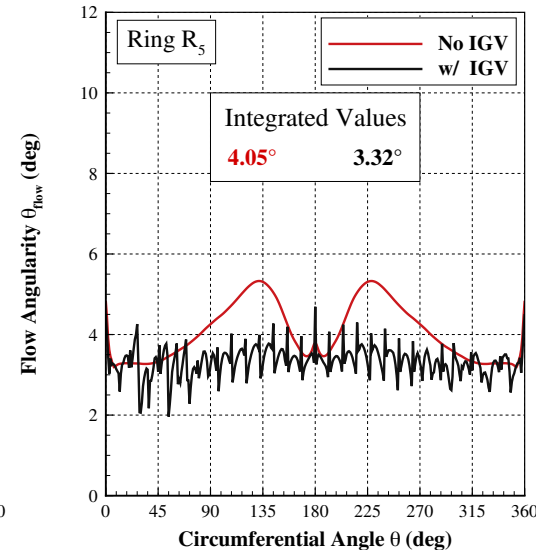
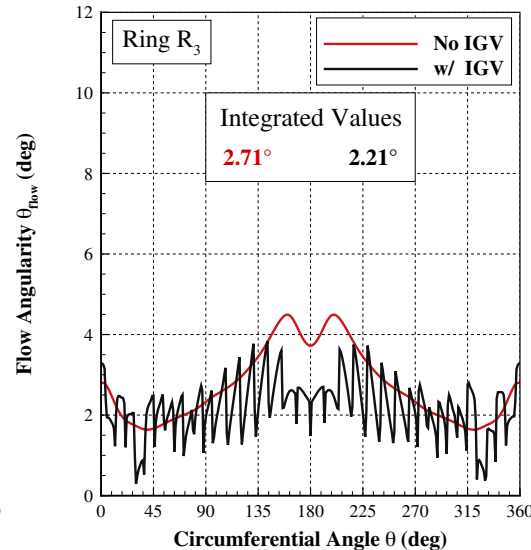
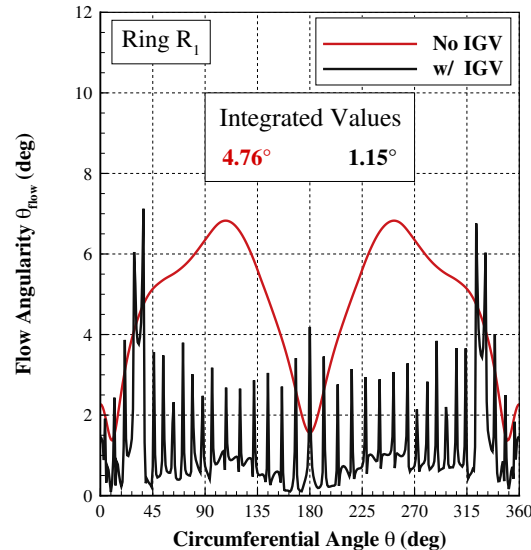


# CFD Support for IGV Design and Integration

- Improvement near the hub is visible in ring  $R_1$  plot, and is quantified with a **76% reduction in the integrated flow angularity metric**
- Other profiles also see improvements with **more uniform distribution**



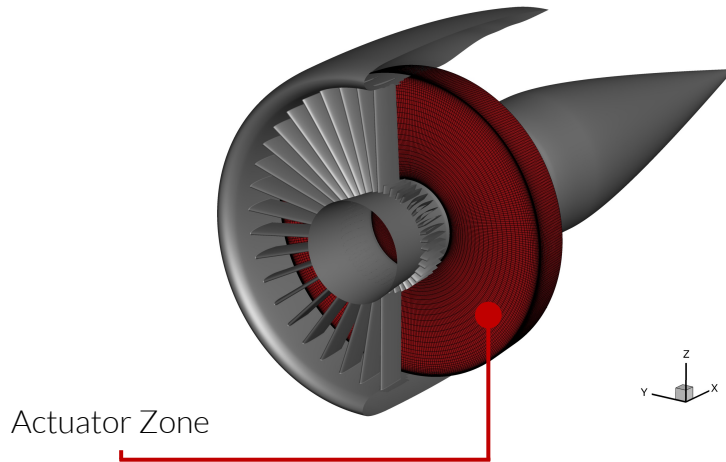
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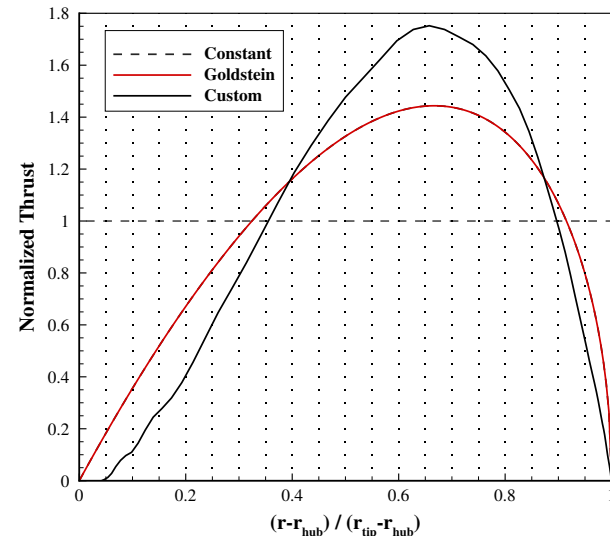
# Propulsor Model Thrust Profile Sensitivity Study

- Tested more realistic **radially-varying thrust profiles** in the actuator zone model to account for blade hub and tip losses
  - Goldstein Optimum** – derived from vortex theory under idealized assumptions
  - Custom Profile** – obtained directly from an internal performance analysis on a fan



Actuator Zone

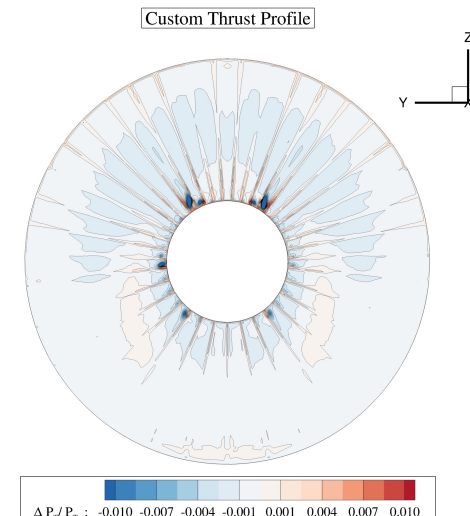
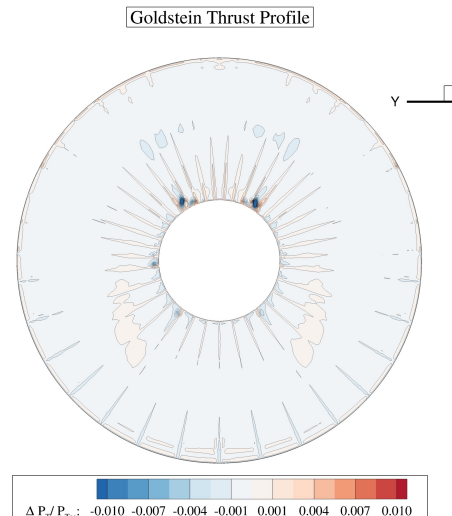
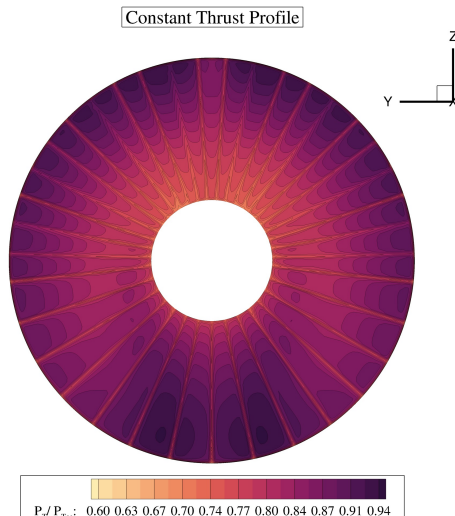
Actuator zone block with IGVs in LAVA

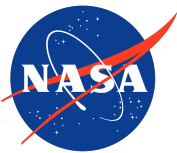




# Propulsor Model Thrust Profile Sensitivity Study

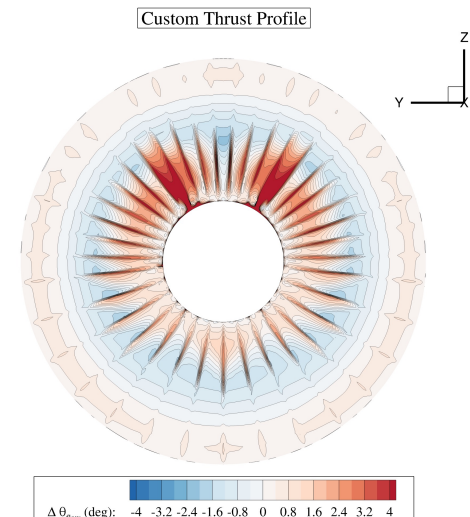
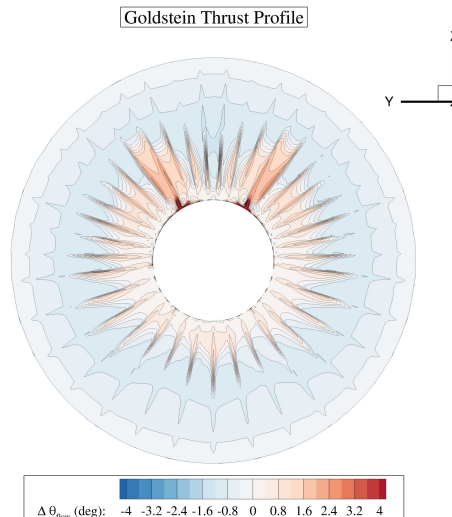
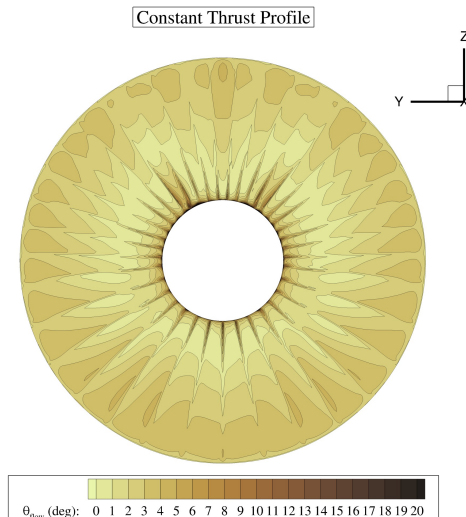
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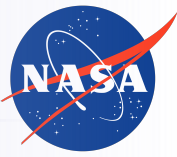




# Propulsor Model Thrust Profile Sensitivity Study

- Lower thrust values of Goldstein and Custom profiles result in **higher flow angularity distortion** near the blade hub and tip regions
- Lower momentum imparted by the actuator zone makes the IGVs less effective at counteracting the flow distortion that they ingest





# SUMMARY





# Summary and Next Steps

- RANS simulation database consisting of 240 cases was generated using LAVA for comparison with NTF test campaign on the CRM-TCT variant, at a computational cost of roughly 48,000 core-hours
- Sensitivities to angle of attack, flow conditions, engine operating power level and wind tunnel mounting hardware were analyzed and documented
- Collaboration between NASA's ARC and GRC teams has resulted in an IGV system capable of reducing engine inlet flow angularity distortion by up to 76% close to the hub, at a maximum integrated pressure loss penalty of around 3.3%
- Resulting Type-II BLI system with IGVs will continue undergoing design improvements as it is integrated into future aircraft concepts, such as the NASA Transonic Truss-Braced Wing (TTBW)



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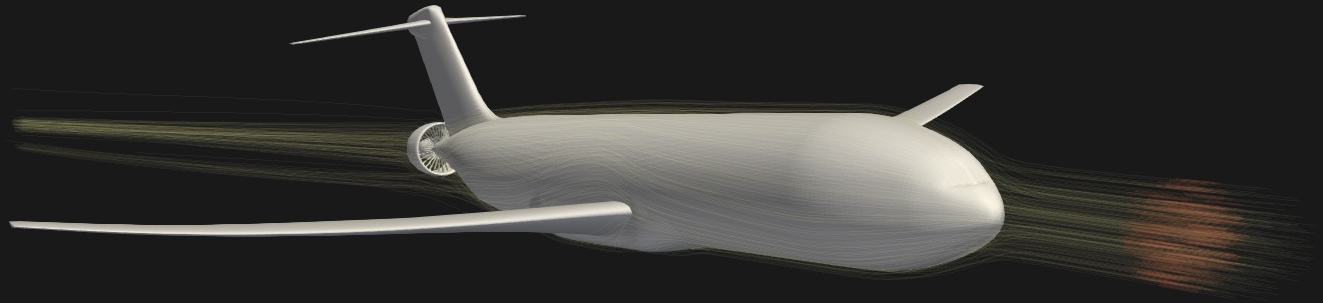
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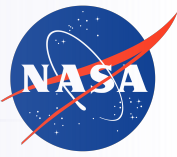
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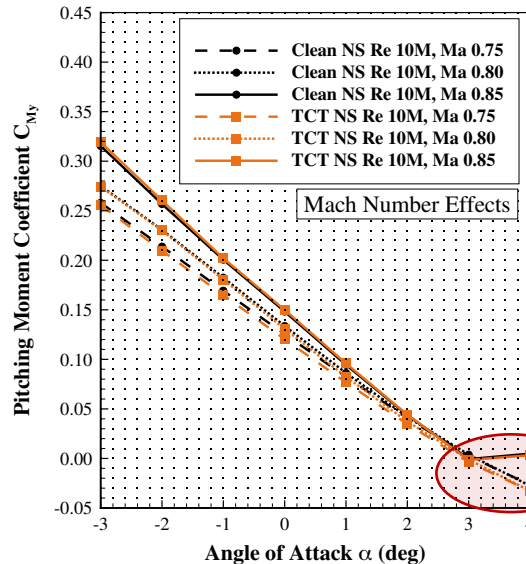


# **BACKUP SLIDES**

# Moment Coefficient Increase at Mach 0.85, $\alpha = 3^\circ$



- Appearance of shocks in the upper surface of the horizontal tail for condition Mach 0.85,  $\alpha = 3^\circ$  explains the increase in moment coefficient observed

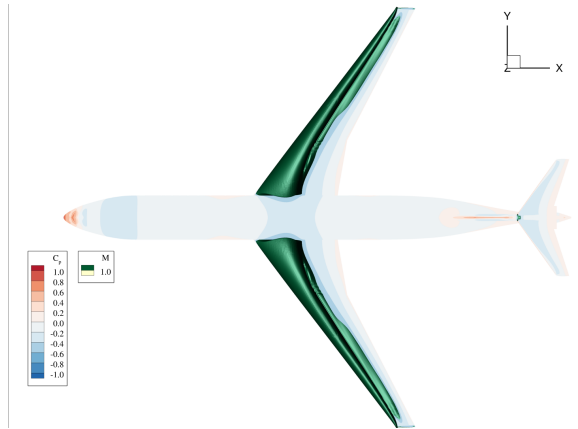


Increase in moment coefficient corresponding to a nose-up tendency at Mach 0.85

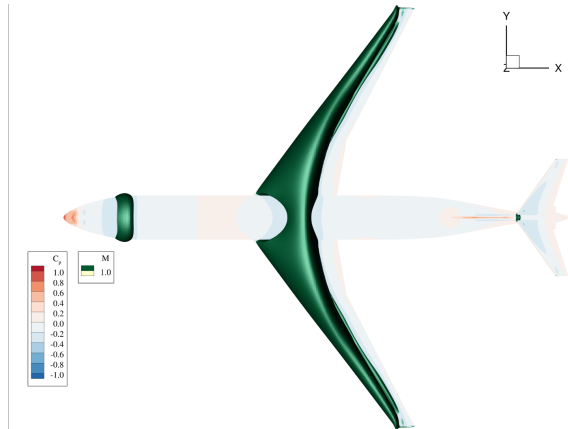
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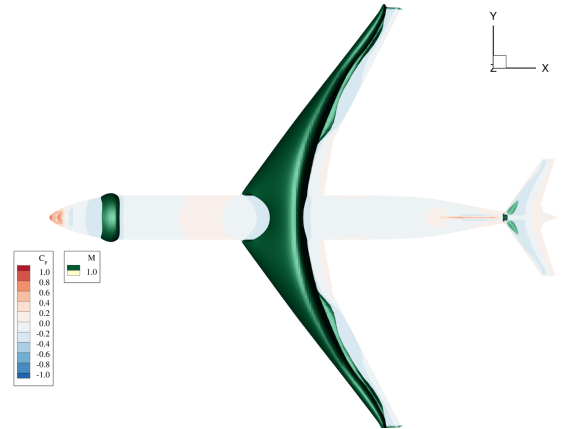
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